

In
Loving
Memory

of

Janice Sherroll Parker Johnson

Sunrise

Sunset

February 27, 1947 - January 30, 2026

Sat., February 7, 2026

Family visitation: 11:30am

Memorial services: 12:00noon

Haw Branch African Methodist Episcopal Church

610 Haw Branch Road

Richlands, NC 28574

Rev. Tony Mills, Pastor, Officiating

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Silent now is her voice. She left us on January 30, 2026. It is fitting that she made the transition from her earthly home to her heavenly home just as she lived—QUIETLY. No fanfare, no glory. Her life speaks for itself. She was a mother, sister, aunt, friend, confidant, teacher, and volunteer extraordinaire. Her life was the epitome of love—love for her God, love for her family, love for her friends and love for the organizations that benefited from her kind heart and generous spirit. She was one who inspired others and brought joy into the lives of her family members and many others with whom she came in contact.

Janice (family members and childhood friends called her Sherroll), was born on February 27, 1946 in Richlands, NC. to Mary Neal Parker and Rockwell Parker. She was their first child and inherited a love for reading from her father. Sherroll grew up in Haw Branch AME Church in Richlands and participated in many of the church activities from her childhood through high school. She attended Woodson Elementary School in Richlands, NC and graduated from Georgetown High in Jacksonville, NC in 1965. She excelled in her studies and graduated near the top of her class. Additionally, she was one of the first females to drive a school bus in Onslow County. She attended North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University) in Durham, NC and in 1969 earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology degree.

Upon graduation, Sherroll moved to Plainfield, New Jersey and obtained employment as director of the South Second Street Youth Center. It was in New Jersey that she married her high school sweetheart, Wayne Johnson and became mother to Wayne, Jr., her dear and only child. While employed at the Center, she completed several graduate courses at Rutgers University. Later, Sherroll became Executive Director of the Urban League office in Morristown, New Jersey, a position she held until she relocated to Durham in 1992. Upon her

return to Durham, she was hired as Executive Director ACRA), a position she held for several years until retirement. She made a tremendous impact on the lives of the clients the organization assisted as she served with compassion and kindness.

Sherroll joined First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham under the leadership of Pastor Fredrick K. Davis. She enjoyed Pastor Davis' sermons and worked as a member of the Outreach Ministry Committee.

She was preceded in death by her father, Rockwell and husband, Wayne. Janice Sherroll Parker Johnson will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Her love and kindness will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory, son, Wayne, Jr.; mother, Mary; brothers, Bobby "Bruh"; Larry (Carolyn); Rockwell "Rocky" (Phyllis); Harry (Erica Reed); aunt, Louise Wilkins Weeks; uncle, Glen "Nemo" Wilkins and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.