



Minnie Lee (Warmack) Johnson

August 11, 1939 - July 1, 2025

UTICA – Minnie Lee (Warmack) Johnson, age 85, was reunited with her loved ones—especially her beloved son, Lyle—when she went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

Born in Clopton, AL, on August 11, 1939, Minnie was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Carrie (Freeman) Warmack. The family later relocated to the Utica area, where she graduated from Utica Free Academy in 1958. She went on to attend beauty culture school in Albany, where she became a licensed cosmetologist—a license she proudly displayed in her kitchen.

At one time she was wed to Thomas Johnson, a union which brought the blessings of their two sons.

For many years, Minnie held a booth at Griffin’s Barber Shop, where she turned many clients into friends—marking the beginning of her Utica fame. She later worked at the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center for many years as a caring and dedicated Mental Health Therapy Aide. Throughout it all, she never stopped being both a cosmetologist and a caretaker, often traveling to people’s homes whenever they called for her. No one could work a hot comb like Minnie Johnson—she created, and sometimes even rescued, hairdos of every style and size.

More than anything else, Minnie possessed a loving spirit. If she loved you, you knew it—and if she didn't, you knew that too! She had a huge heart for her family and never failed to provide for her sons. She was kind to everyone, no matter what walk of life they came from. In less than a minute, she could turn a stranger into a friend. Everyone on Dudley Ave. knew the comfort of Minnie's home and hospitality.

A business-minded individual, Minnie was meticulous in her organization and never left a box unchecked! She was also known as the "Facebook Queen," including herself, Maxie, and the kitties in every post. She was also known for crocheting slippers each Christmas for her nieces and nephews, a tradition they cherished. She was an excellent cook and loved hosting holiday celebrations where she recreated her mother's recipes to perfection.

Minnie deeply loved her Lord and was a proud missionary of Hope Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. She relished preaching alongside other believers—whether at the church or even in the grocery store. She also sang in the church choir as if she were the only one there, lifting her voice with passion and praise. Family and friends will always remember her calling out, "John Brown it!"—loud and proud, never taking the Lord's name in vain. Minnie was truly a staple in our community and will be missed by many.

Minnie is survived by her son, Scott F. Johnson. She cherished the memory of her son, Lyle T. Johnson, who preceded her on February 12, 2016. Her loss is also felt by her grandchildren, Matthew, the late De'Leon, Giovanni, Brooklyn, Mayla, Mario, Marquilla, Ajanae, and Ariel; a host of great-grandchildren whom she loved deeply; and her darling sister, Ann Washington. She was preceded by her beloved sisters, Rosetta (Warmack) Yarbrough, and Cloir Dell Warmack-Johnson. She will be greatly missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and their families, as well as so many special friends who called her mom, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, and everything in between. She was also

preceded by her canine companion, Maxie.

The Johnson family would like to thank the staff at Wynn Hospital, especially Nykia Pearson, and Jeleasa Linder for their compassionate care of Minnie over the past two months and for keeping her comfortable. Gratitude is also extended to Sabrina Doles for her kindness and dedication.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at Hope Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 751 South St. Minnie's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 12:00 p.m. at the church. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89062597842>. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hope Chapel AME Zion Church
751 South St.
Utica, NY 13501

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Tribute Wall

GH

“ I worked many years ago with Minnie at Utica State that where we deloped a bond .we were inseparable until we started having families.our kids went to scouts together ..Scott I don't know if you remember me but I'm so sorry about your mom .she was very dear to me .I just found out about your mom's passing .such a lovely and dear friend

Gale Hill - July 14, 2025 at 06:59 PM

RM

“ Rosa Morales sent a virtual gift in memory of Minnie Lee (Warmack) Johnson



Rosa Morales - July 12, 2025 at 09:58 AM

RM

“ Miss Minnie I will always remember when ever I seen you I could always count on your warm hugs and that beautiful smile 😊. So many people will miss you and I'm so blessed to have gotten to know you and I will miss you sooo much. Rest in paradise sweet Minnie. My condolences to Scotty and family. Hold your head up my brother and friend. With deepest sympathy from Rosana Morales Reed and Donald duck Harris 🙏🙏❤️🙌💪🌹

Rosa Morales - July 12, 2025 at 09:56 AM

MW

“ Our sincere condolences on the loss of cousin Minnie. When we were pregnant with our first child, we use to laugh and talk for hours while eating popsicles. Love you Minnie and you’re going to be truly missed. Mary and Bobby 🙏❤️🙏❤️😭



Mary and Robert Wells - July 12, 2025 at 09:30 AM

DG

Sending prayers and condolences to the entire family 🙏🙏🙏❤️. Keeping you all lifted up in this very difficult time May God bless you always. The Williams, and Gibbs Family

Deanna Gibbs - July 12, 2025 at 05:11 PM

DW

“ I worked with Mini at the Psychiatric Center. She always kept you laughing. Loved working with Minnie. A wonderful sweet lady. Rest in peace Minnie. 🙏💖🙏💖🙏



Dawn Winst.winston - July 11, 2025 at 06:32 PM

JE

“ I will miss Aunt Minnie and am so thankful that my children got to meet her before she passed. She was an essential part of my childhood memories and always love her encouragement throughout the years. She will be missed but her love will live on. 😊



Jennifer Pinder Ellis - July 11, 2025 at 01:39 PM

RP

“ *Cousin Minnie, a wonderful cousin that I will miss: calling and talking to her on the phone, her spiritual insight, information she could share about the past with detail and most of all her humor. I am thankful to have come from a loving family, that I always say to myself they earn a grade of A,100. Rest in Peace and Eternal Love and Life* ❤️🙏 *Love, Rosemary*

Rosemary Freeman Pinder - July 11, 2025 at 12:10 PM

LB

“ *Lonnie Brown lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee (Warmack) Johnson*



Lonnie Brown - July 11, 2025 at 11:46 AM

LC

“ *Aunt Minnie was such a joy! Wishing the family peace and comfort during this difficult time. Rest in Peace Aunt Minnie!* ❤️ *Sending Love, LoriLuwan and family*



Lori Clark - July 08, 2025 at 10:25 PM

TF

“ *The Pearson Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Minnie Lee (Warmack) Johnson.*



The Pearson Family - July 08, 2025 at 09:06 AM

JE

“ *Joyce Enoch lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee (Warmack) Johnson*



Joyce enoch - July 08, 2025 at 04:23 AM

LT

“ *Leola Turner/Jones lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee (Warmack) Johnson*



Leola Turner/Jones - July 07, 2025 at 07:47 PM

MB

“ *Michele Brown lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee (Warmack) Johnson*



Michele Brown - July 06, 2025 at 06:53 AM

DC

“ *Dear Scottie and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest condolences.
Your Mother was a beautiful and loving person. I remember her
pressing my hair with so much care and giving me "Shirley Temple"
curls when I was a child.
You and your family are in my prayers.
Dianne "Muffy" Cooper*

Dianne Cooper - July 05, 2025 at 02:42 PM

MP

*Mary pugh to the family send prayers to you I will remember her favorite song hold my mule she come in to vote singing and talk about my cousin Charlie t
Rest in peace you will be missed*

Mary A Pugh - July 10, 2025 at 08:02 AM

CC

“ *My Condolences To Scottie & Family.... Ms. Minnie Was A Delight & Wonderful Lady 😊
RIP
So Sorry For Your Loss 🙏🕊️*



Carla Clark - July 05, 2025 at 11:28 AM

EL

“ *My prayers and condolences to Scott and family.*

Edna Liggins-Martin - July 05, 2025 at 09:10 AM

EL

“ *Edna Liggins-Martin lit a candle in memory of Minnie Lee (Warmack) Johnson*



Edna Liggins-Martin - July 05, 2025 at 09:08 AM

BS

“ Rest in peace grandma you where always so sweet❤️ you will be missed, rest easy❤️❤️
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Brooklyn Spratt - July 05, 2025 at 12:44 AM

IL

“ ICater Florida, LLC lit a candle in memory of
Minnie Lee (Warmack) Johnson



iCater Florida, LLC - July 05, 2025 at 12:07 AM

MP

“ Marcia Perkins lit a candle in memory of
Minnie Lee (Warmack) Johnson



Marcia Perkins - July 04, 2025 at 10:14 PM

MP

Sending my deepest condolence to the Warmack and Johnson family.

Marcia Perkins - July 04, 2025 at 10:16 PM

DE

My condolences to the family.

Dee - July 06, 2025 at 05:14 PM

GD

“ My Deepest Sympathy to the family,She was such a Gem.Rest Sweet Lady.



Grace V DeCastro - July 04, 2025 at 09:47 PM

KM

“ Aunt Minnie was such a beautiful kind spirit. She will be deeply missed. She touched the lives of so many people. We was so proud to call her aunty! We always visit her whenever we came home. Our deepest condolences 🌸 and prayers lifted for the family. ❤️ 🙏

Keith and Angela Webb, Southaven Ms - July 04, 2025 at 08:57 PM

EH

Minnie was always there for everyone and you could not help from loving her we grew up together and her son Scott was like a son to me we worked together at the brewery RIP Minnie Lee Johnson we going go really miss you
(Ezel & Mary Hawkins

Ezel(Easy) HAWKINS - July 05, 2025 at 09:21 AM

EM

Many was an excellent cosmetologist I can remember the days as a young girl that I went to her place and got my hair done she was also a family member . She would surely be missed my condolences to the entire family..

Eleanor-Steele McDonald

Eleanor McDonald - July 05, 2025 at 10:31 AM

JE

Minnie was a person who once you met her you loved her instantly. Her conversations were all about loving people and uplifting and praying for them .now she is at peace with the love of her life .her God..she will be so missed on this earth.I can imagine her sitting at Gods side telling him all about what she learned here on earth. I hope she lets.God get a word.in every now and then.my girl Minnie RIP 🙏❤️🙏

Joyce enoch - July 08, 2025 at 04:32 AM

RP

“*My condolences to Scottie & family. May your love one rest in Heavenly peace.*”



Rose Pearson-Simmons - July 04, 2025 at 11:55 AM