



Lili Karen Johnson Ed.D

November 7, 1959 - December 2, 2014

Lili Karen Johnson was God's gift to Sadie and Andrew Johnson on November 7, 1959 Terceira, Azores, Portugal. She went home to be with the Lord on December 2, 2014 after a brief illness.

As a youngster Lili lived in Greensboro, NC where she matriculated through the Greensboro Public Schools and graduated from Ben L. Smith High School in 1978. In preparation for her career, she earned a B.A. in English Writing and a minor in Social Welfare from East Carolina University in 1982 followed by an M.S. in Criminal Justice from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and an Ed. D in Adult Education from North Carolina State University 1998.

She went on to have a career of distinction in Law Enforcement and Law Enforcement Education. From 1983-1997 Lili served in the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent with assignments in the Training Division, Southern Piedmont Drug Investigations Unit, and the D.A.R.E program. In 1997 Dr. Johnson came to Central Piedmont Community College (CPC) as the Director of Public Safety Programs and later served as Associate Dean until her retirement in 2012. At CPC her motto was " Watch your thoughts, they become words; Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become your character. Watch your character, it becomes your destiny."

She recently worked for Blue Law International as the Academic Director for the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Roswell, NM. This

position was her dream job. The mission for ILEA is to deliver technical and advisory support on behalf of a variety of international donors to the governments, non-profits and citizens of developing countries across the world.

Lili is predeceased by her parents and her eldest brother Andrew Owen Johnson. She leaves to cherish her memories her siblings Tina Johnson Davidson (James), Derek E. Johnson, and Comilla Johnson Gilliam (Lawrence) and their children. Her loving partner April Elaina Purcell. Aunt Percenia Neblett Johnson, First cousins James R. Logan, Jr. (Elaine), Carl Reginald Johnson, Dwayne Richard Johnson (Mary Lou), Cheryl Johnson Green (Donald), and the Coffin extended family. If you knew Lili, you knew about her beloved nephew "Drew" Andrew Lawrence Davidson. She loved him like no other.

Cemetery Details

Lakeview Memorial Gardens

3600 O'Henry Blvd.
Greensboro, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church
5232 The Plaza
Charlotte, NC

Service

DEC 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

DEC 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AD

“ I am speechless! I was googling my friend to find her on face book and instead I find this obit. Lili was the footsteps I followed from being a resident advisor to head resident to orientation counselor at ECU to Women's Prison. Whatever she did, I did. She was one of my bridesmaids in my wedding in 1999. We lost touch as both our lives became too busy. I have missed her and now, I will miss her more. Tina, she was one of my dearest friends and helped me survive my days at ECU. Phew! Anita Daniels



Anita Daniels - August 08, 2016 at 10:19 PM

GT

“ Gretchen Taylor lit a candle in memory of Lili Karen Johnson Ed.D



Gretchen Taylor - December 05, 2014 at 06:42 PM

MV

“ M.T. Vandergrift lit a candle in memory of Lili Karen Johnson Ed.D



M.T. Vandergrift - December 05, 2014 at 03:29 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Lili Karen Johnson Ed.D.*



December 05, 2014 at 09:05 AM



“ *Marlene Rue lit a candle in memory of Lili Karen Johnson Ed.D*



Marlene Rue - December 05, 2014 at 09:01 AM



“ *I loved Lili as a sister. She was truly one of the finest people I have ever known. She was a graceful blessing. Lili most certainly sprouted wings Tuesday morning. We are better people for having had her in our lives.*
Beverly

Beverly Dckson - December 04, 2014 at 05:24 PM