



Lawana Gale Johnson

June 19, 1948 - February 21, 2026

Lawana Gale Johnson 77, of Tamaha passed away at her home on Saturday morning, February 21, 2026. She was born at Red Hill on June 19, 1948 to Roland and Alberta (Duncan) Smith. She grew up at Red Hill and attended Stigler public schools and later Keota Public Schools where she graduated. She continued her education at NSU and earned her bachelors in Education. She earned her Masters Degree from The University of Oklahoma in Education. She was married to Foster Johnson on May 22, 1975 and made their home together at Tamaha. She began her teaching career at McCurtain and taught at several schools including Clayton, Keota and two years in Texas. She returned home and taught at Porum Schools for several years before her last two positions at Ore City, Texas and Marshall, Texas until her retirement.

Lawana was a devout Christian who was a long time member of Rock Ford Freewill Baptist Church. She loved playing the piano and singing at her church as well as traveling to play the piano and sing at other churches. Lawana dedicated her life to education and her family. She adored spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Foster Johnson of the home; her children, Shaye Lynn Burke and husband Tony of Tifton, Georgia, Tray Johnson and wife Jodi of Poteau, Kamyne Johnson and partner Billy Farrier of Frisco, Texas, Roland Johnson and wife Cally of Star, OK; 10 grandchildren, Brynna, Jovia, Callen, Peytan, Kodye, Bruce III, Titan, Rocklyn, Ruby, and Rody on the way;

one sister, Glenda Lee of Milwaukee, WI; one brother, Doyle Smith and wife, Joyce of Red Hill; brother in law, Artie Johnson and wife Debora of Garland; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. She is preceded in death by her parents, Roland and Alberta Smith.

Funeral services will be 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at the R.E. Shearwood Memorial Chapel with Pastor Jacob Oliver officiating. Pallbearers will be Keith Smith, Scotty Ward, Phil Hatridge, Bradley Dedmon, Billy Joe Long, Raymond Rhodes. Honorary pallbearers include Greg Flowers, Rick Williams, Rick Newby, Jim Neubauer, Billy McKinney, Artie Johnson, Doyle Smith. Burial will follow at Tamaha Cemetery under the direction of King & Shearwood Funeral Home of Stigler.

Cemetery Details

TAMAHA CEMETERY

TAMAHA, OK 74462

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB **23**. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

KING AND SHEARWOOD FUNERAL HOME
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FAMILY VISITATION

FEB **23**. 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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R.E. SHEARWOOD MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Lawana was an outstanding librarian in the Marshall, Texas school system. She was loved by both students and staff. So sorry for your loss- prayers to the family.*

Mary Echols - March 01 at 10:13 AM

DM

“ *Coach & Mrs. Johnson were great examples of teamwork at Porum High School! Even when she was pregnant, she was out on the court working with us, helping Coach! I always got the impression if “it” was important to Coach it was important to her! After attending her memorial service this morning. Listening to her daughter speak. Mrs. Johnson was a true testament of love for God and her family. They both impacted my life as a young woman. From their work ethic, to their teamwork. She definitely used her time between. 06/19/1948——-02/21/2026 serving God, family, and others! Definitely “ A life well lived!♥♥ I think of them fondly and often!*
☐🙏 Donna Moore

Donna Moore - February 24 at 02:48 PM

DH

“ *Lawana was my English teacher at Clayton High School in the early 1970s. She was a strict teacher but fair. And very smart. She also played in a student-teacher basketball game with us. So fun! We lived within a few miles of each other when my husband Gerald and I moved to Stigler. Since 2 of our children were the same age, we carpoled together to kindergarten. My prayers and condolences to Foster and her family. Darlene Sanders Howze*

Darlene Howze - February 23 at 01:54 PM

JP

“ *jeannie patton lit a candle in memory of Lawana Johnson*



jeannie patton - February 23 at 12:57 PM

LC

“ *Lawana was my teacher back in 69, at McCurtain. We were the same age but I admired her so much and she was always one of my favorite teachers.*

lois carry - February 23 at 07:41 AM

LC

“ *lois carry lit a candle in memory of Lawana Johnson*



lois carry - February 23 at 07:36 AM

GH

“ *Shaye and family....I had the privilege of working with your mama scoring Library National Board entries in Tulsa many years ago. Though I never saw her again after those five years we kept in contact through Facebook. I remember all you kids as we talked about our families always. I knew her to be a very loving and faithful person and my life is better for having known her. Our prayers are with all of you. Geri Hough*

Geri Hough - February 23 at 06:43 AM