



Gretta Virginia Johnson Lloyd

January 15, 1929 - May 9, 2025

Gretta Virginia Johnson Lloyd, 96, was called home to her heavenly Father on May 9, 2025. She was the daughter of William Victor Johnson and Jesse Mae Arrowood Johnson,, and step-daughter of Irene Quintrell Johnson. Gretta was born January 15, 1929 in McCaysville, GA, grew up in nearby Epworth, attended Fannin County Schools and was an All-State basketball player.

Gretta attended Bessie Tift College, Forsyth, GA, and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, with a major in Voice from the University of Georgia, also completing a Master of Religious Education from Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, KY. She married Rev. Raymond Lloyd on December 21st, 1953, and worked for three years as a Social Worker with the Louisville and Jefferson County Children's Home, Louisville, KY. After giving birth to her first child, and as her husband, Ray, was nearly completing his Th.D, she became a homemaker, a role in which she took great pride.

Gretta's life revolved around the church. She began singing in church choirs at age 14. She taught Sunday School from about the same age. She loved missions and was involved in all the church's mission activities. She sang in every church choir where Ray was pastor. It has been said that Ray asked her to sing whenever he preached a trial sermon, and the church would call him just to get her – more truth than fiction! She sang in the Chattanooga Concert Choir and the Chattanooga Opera Association, the Starkville, (MS) Symphony

Chorus and the Knoxville Choral Society. Ray called her his "Songbird". As a teacher she taught music classes in the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho, NI and ESL classes in the Pui Ching Elementary School in Hong Kong. In addition to Sunday School she worked with Bible Drills, Vacation Bible School, and served as local church President and associational President of Women's Missionary Union and was a member of the State Board of Missions in MS. She was a superb example of how to serve the Lord through the local church. She and Ray loved to travel in the retirement years, and visited over 80 different countries.

She gave birth to four children. Richard Raymond, III, William Evan, Vicky May and Linda Lee.

Preceding her in death are:

CHILDREN, William Evan and Linda Lee

DAUGHTER-IN LAW, Debra Heard Lloyd

SON-IN-LAW, Joseph Michael Redfearn

SIBLINGS: Gladys Louisa Johnson Wimberly (Joseph)

Garland Johnson

Mary Grace Johnson Nichols (Joseph)

Geneva Pauline Johnson Fry (Tucker)

William Guy Johnson (Shirley)

Kathryn Gertrude Johnson Robinson (Robbie)

Charles Gay Johnson (Frances)

James Gurley Johnson (Mary)

Luther Gentry Johnson (Mary)

Geraldine Farrar Johnson Butterfield (Mason)

She is survived by

HUSBAND: Dr. R. Raymond Lloyd, Jr.

CHILDREN: Dr. Richard R Lloyd III and Vicky Redfearn Wilkes (Steve)

GRANDCHILDREN: Richard R. "Logan" Lloyd IV (Claire)

Dr. Kelsey Lee Lloyd

Rachel Ann Redfearn

Jacob Michael Redfearn (Erika)

Captain Joseph Evan Redfearn, (U.S. Space Force)

William Jordan Lloyd

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN:

Cora Lynn Lloyd

Eva James Lloyd

And the many members of the extended Johnson family.

A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, TN on May 16, 2025, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and the worship service immediately following at 1:30 p.m. Interment will follow at the Union Cemetery in Newport, TN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the "Ray and Gretta Lloyd Scholarship Fund for Ministerial Students" (Pastoral, Church Music or Missions) at Carson Newman University. CNU Advancement Office, P.O. Box 557, Jefferson City, TN 37760.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Jefferson City
1610 Russell Ave
Jefferson City, TN 37760

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of
Gretta Virginia Johnson Lloyd*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - May 14, 2025 at 05:19 PM

RM

“ *We love you, Lloyd family! Know that we are surrounded by our
prayers!*

Rob and Lisa Myers

Rob and Lisa Myers - May 17, 2025 at 02:04 PM

RJ

“ *Rich, what a beautiful legacy your mother leaves behind. With
Deepest Sympathy.
Ben, Rachel, Layla, Ryder, and Colt James*

Rachel James - May 16, 2025 at 01:54 PM

JD

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy
Doug & Joyce Shoemaker*

J & D - May 16, 2025 at 01:49 PM

SS

“ Kurt and I are so very sorry for the loss of Mrs. Lloyd. She was a very kind, Christian woman. We will be praying for all you guys.

Kurt and Sacha Steele

Sacha and Kurt Steele - May 16, 2025 at 01:26 PM

PG

“ Dr Lloyd. I was so sorry to hear of Mrs Lloyd's passing. Praying for your comfort. Patsy Gann

Patsy Gann - May 15, 2025 at 07:25 PM

LD

“ I can still hear her beautiful voice accompanied by Ray at the piano. Knowing them is a highlight of my life. She leaves a wonderful legacy.

Larry Doolittle

Larry Doolittle - May 15, 2025 at 06:54 PM

TM

“ Rich, Our medical staff's hearts go out to you as this time. Your Mom leaves a wonderful Christian legacy. May the Holy Spirit comfort you and give you strength at this time. Tom Conway MD vice chief of Staff

Thomas Conway M.D. - May 15, 2025 at 11:56 AM

JC

“ Deepest sympathy to all the family.

Jan Carpenter - May 15, 2025 at 08:43 AM



“ 209 files added to the album LifeTributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - May 14, 2025 at 02:54 PM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of Gretta's family. She was a beautiful and loving person and will be dearly missed.



Sharon Hammond - May 14, 2025 at 07:34 AM

LD

“ I'm so grateful to have grown up a church run by Dr & Mrs Lloyd. My Christian life & faith was cemented under their service & dedication.
I'm sure Mrs Lloyd is happy to be with our God.
My prayers are with all of the Lloyd family.



Lisa Ford Denham - May 14, 2025 at 01:33 AM

RF

“ Rob Coulter & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gretta Virginia Johnson Lloyd.

Rob Coulter & Family - May 13, 2025 at 10:57 PM

RF

“ Rob Coulter & Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Gretta Virginia Johnson Lloyd.



Rob Coulter & Family - May 13, 2025 at 10:57 PM

RB

“ Ray, I am so sorry to hear of Gretas death. Peace and comfort to you and your family.

Rai Ball

Raiford Ball - May 13, 2025 at 06:54 PM

PF

“ Thankfully we did not “lose” Aunt Gretta! We KNOW exactly where she is: Sitting at the Right Hand of Jesus, singing beautifully HOW GREAT THOU ART. 🙏🙏 Pat Fry (Nephew Jim)

Pat Fry - May 13, 2025 at 04:31 PM

BR

“ Lots of Johnson memories are cascading through my mind.

Not in an organized timeline but more of a rambling stream of consciousness.

Special remembrances of the "Rockwood years" when our two immediate families were closer together geographically and shared times together.

The time at the Double Q Drive-In in Spring City when my family joined some of the Lloyd cousins and a Rockwood First Baptist sports team for a quick meal and short visit as they were heading back home.

At the Sunday morning service after a Johnson reunion in Rockwood, the Johnson family, especially the teen age boy cousins, standing up to be teasingly introduced as out-laws instead of in-laws.

Then we all sat down to hear Aunt Gretta sing.

Bill Robinson - May 13, 2025 at 01:22 PM

BS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Lloyd family at this time.

Benjamin Schlechter - May 13, 2025 at 11:51 AM

DB

So sorry for your great loss! Prayers for your family! Much love being sent your family's way.

Doug & Donna Brown - May 13, 2025 at 10:27 PM

MS

Just finished looking at this beautiful video of beautiful Greta and family thru the years. Wonderful memories of living across the street and Vicki babysitting our children and being able to visit them at their lake home. What a beautiful life Greta had now with her wonderful voice singing in her heavenly home. prayers and love to Dr Lloyd and family. Mary Stennis- Starkville, Ms May 15.

Mary Stennis - May 15, 2025 at 09:58 PM

SB

“ *Rich and family,*

So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Susan Ball

Susan Ball - May 13, 2025 at 09:27 AM



TJ

“ *The family of Wayne Jordan purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Greta Virginia Johnson Lloyd.*



The family of Wayne Jordan - May 13, 2025 at 12:08 AM

RM

“ *My sincerest condolences to all of Greta's family!*

Roger Mynatt - May 12, 2025 at 04:22 PM

DO

“ *Our deepest sympathy*

Duay and Kay O'Neil - May 12, 2025 at 03:05 PM



“ *Both of your lives are what every Christian should strive for. Everyday you brought blessing to others . Your marriage and love for each other shone through every thought word and deed as you served one another showing a shining example of how to love as Christ loved us.in You are loved by many and Jeff an I want o send you warm hugs, prayers and we know that God will fill in the missing moments The celebration of her life will be a witness to many and a harvest for those who are searching. Please accept or love and condolences. Jeff and Doris Segrave*

Doris Segrave - May 12, 2025 at 12:09 PM