

Dr. Minnie L. Mikell Johnson



Celebration of Life



Obituary of Minnie L. Mikell Johnson a/k/a "Dr. J."

Minnie L. Mikell Johnson was called to her heavenly home on September 22, 2016. Her last resting place was McLeod Hospice House in Florence, SC. She was born on May 28, 1934 to William Moore and Mary Emma Shelton Mikell. She graduated from South Carolina State College with a B. S. in Biology and earned a Masters from Hunter College in New York, and a Masters and Ph. D. from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Dr. Johnson spent 30 years as a Research Scientist in the pharmaceutical industry working at various institutions such as the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute, Schering Plough, Squibb and Novartis (formerly known as Ciba-Geigy). When Dr. Johnson retired she became the primary developer of the computerization of Library and Information Services of the East Orange, NJ School District. She also became an entrepreneur post-retirement and founded an "information brokering" business called Sci-Tech Information Services, Inc.

Dr. Johnson placed great emphasis on innovation and education. Her scholarly and community accomplishments were rewarded by numerous honors, plaques and earned admiration of peers and associates. Dr. Johnson felt that her life could be summed up best by following the progress of the children enrolled in the East Orange School District Chess Club which she began in 1969. The program is still a viable entity of academic and national success. Her role as a mentor to some of the top scholars and scientists in the country are among her many legacies.

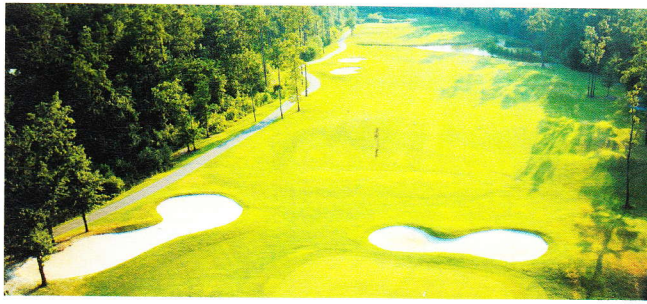
Golfing was her passion and she spent her later years documenting the history of African American women in the sport of golf. Her publications include: *The African American Woman Golfer: Her Legacy* (2008), *Heroines of African American Golf: The Past, The Present, and the Future* (2010), and, *Female Legends of the United Golfers Association* (2015).

Dr. Johnson was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ for 30 years and served as Treasurer of the Scholarship Committee for 20 years. After relocating to Florence, SC, she became a member of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Supply, NC.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her son, Phillip G. Johnson, daughter-in-law, Deborah Johnson and grand-daughter, Danyell Johnson of Iselin, NJ; her daughter, Jamie Reid and son-in-law, Audley Reid, Jr. of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; her sister-in-laws, Marva Brown, Allene Johnson and Doris Murrell, brother-in-law, Kenneth Johnson, and many nieces and nephews from the family of her recently deceased husband, James H. Johnson; and numerous, wonderful friends in Florence, SC and New Jersey.

Dr. Johnson will be cremated by Cain-Calcutt-Stephens Funeral Home in Florence, SC. She did not want a funeral service; she'd rather her loved ones do good deeds in her memory. As efficiently expressed in one of her favorite poems, *Miss Me – But Let Me Go*, "When I come to the end of the road; And the sun has set for me; I want no rites in a gloom filled room; Why cry for a soul set free?"





We cordially invite you to a gathering to celebrate & honor the memory of Minnie Mikell Johnson.

DATE: Saturday, November 5th

TIME: 3:00—6:00 pm

LOCATION: 2084 Brock Circle, Florence, SC 29501

*Friends & Family! Food & Drinks (including Bourbon)!
Stories & Laughter!*

To RSVP please contact Jamie Reid at 561-267-9387 or jamie_reid@comcast.net.

If you're unable to make it, please feel free to email Jamie with a story of your favorite memory of Dr. J.





Miss me – But Let Me Go

By Edgar Albert Guest

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little – but not for too long,
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me – but let me go.

*Thanks for your outpouring of love and support,
Audley & Jamie Reid, Jr.
Phillip, Deborah & Danyell Johnson*

