



Gennie L. (Hawkins) Johnson, of Ayer

October 8, 1949 - February 10, 2026

Gennie L. (Hawkins) Johnson, 76, of Ayer, passed away on Tuesday evening, February 10, 2026, in her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Gennie was born on October 8, 1949, in Pittsburg, Texas, a daughter of the late Isaiah and Maggie (Edwards) Hawkins. She has resided in Ayer since 1992, when her husband Kenneth was stationed at Hanscom Air Force Base.

Prior to her retirement, Gennie worked as a senior sales associate at Military Clothing and Sales on Fort Devens.

Gennie was an avid reader who always had a book in hand, and she loved staying active by going to the gym regularly. She found great joy in baking delicious treats for family and friends, beautifying her home with thoughtful decor, exploring new places through traveling, dancing whenever music is played, and most of all, cherishing quality time spent with her loved ones.

Gennie leaves to cherish her memories her husband of 50 years, Kenneth R. Johnson of Ayer; her daughter, Arlicia L. Wilbon and her husband, Maurice, of Devens; her son, Kevin R. Johnson and his wife, Meredith, of Chelmsford; a grandson, Bryant J. Cooper and his fiancée, Kyra J. LaSorsa, of Leominster; two sisters, Wanda Fay Kennedy and Shirley Ann Askew; along with several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, including Diane Harris,

Marcel Hawkins, Patrick Hawkins, Nelda Hopkins, Shaneque Hopkins, Beverly Garrett, LaShantria Kennedy, Keldrus Wallace, LaKista Moore, Detria Gerig, Victoria Henderson, Haley Gerig, Jay'Lynn Clay, Barbara Simmons, and Sandra Pincham. Special mention to her great-great-great-niece, whom she loved dearly, Brookelyn Nicole Henderson (AKA "Buttons"), who is 1 year old.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her precious granddaughter, Alaina Christine Cooper; two sisters; five brothers; and her niece Pamela Moore and her nephew Chucky Kennedy and a host of other nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 11:00 AM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., Ayer, followed by burial in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon at 1:00 PM. Gennie's family will receive relatives and friends at the funeral home prior to the service from 10:00 to 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org), a cause close to her heart.

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery

111 Glenallen Street
Winchendon, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hour

FEB 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Service

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Very Sad to hear of the passing Gennie. I used to see her often working out at the gym and also at Military Clothing Sales. May she rest in peace. My condolences to the family of this nice lady. CW3 Ret. Stephen Sifakis*

Stephen Sifakis - February 19 at 09:41 PM

SM

“ *Please know that we send our love and prayers during this difficult time.*

Sylvester Mayberry - February 18 at 06:50 PM

MG

“ *Marie G. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gennie L. (Hawkins) Johnson, of Ayer.*



Marie G. - February 17 at 01:52 PM

DF

“ *Denise and Leon Boyd and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gennie L. (Hawkins) Johnson, of Ayer.*



Denise and Leon Boyd and family - February 16 at 09:05 PM

CF

“ *Clifton, Cherry & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gennie L. (Hawkins) Johnson, of Ayer.*



Clifton, Cherry & Family - February 16 at 07:58 PM