

Joanne J. Jefferson



Joanne Johnson Jefferson born and raised in Tarboro, NC to Joseph Johnson and Senora Stanley. I am the third child of five from Senora and the first of 12 from Joseph.

I am a 1966 graduate of W. A. Pattillo High School where I was a member of the school chorus under the direction of Mrs. I. S. Foster. After graduation, I attended Edgecombe Community College (formally Edgecombe Technical Institute) at night taking several random courses in business. Later I moved to DC hoping to further my education but when my mother became ill, I returned home to help take care of her. I worked for Black & Decker 17 years before I relocated to Baltimore, MD. In Baltimore, I worked for BT Alex Brown Investment Brokerage Firm, Saiontz&Kirk Law Firm and Citibank until they relocated. I joined the Baltimore Chapter of the W. A. Pattillo High Alumni Association after relocating to Baltimore. Grady Ash was President at that time. After the transition of Mr. Ash, I became President of the Baltimore Chapter. Varnell Kinnin was the President of the National Association at that time and under her administration I served as Secretary and later Vice President of the Alumni. Under the administration of Fred Wood, Jr., I served as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and presently serve in the same position under our present President, Lois Cobb Hinton, with the same commitment and dedication to our alumni.

I am a member of the Order of Eastern Star Wade Chapter #8 in Baltimore, MD, a member of the Christian Love Baptist Church and there I serve on the Women's Ministry, the Pastors Aid, the Puppet Ministry and a former member of the choir.

I am married to Manning Alvin Jefferson, Jr., who is also an associate member of the W. A. Pattillo Alumni Association.