



About Us – The Dixie Cups

The Dixie Cups are a trailblazing American girl group from **New Orleans, Louisiana**, known for their sweet harmonies and timeless hits that helped define the sound of the 1960s. Originally formed by sisters **Barbara Ann Hawkins, Rosa Lee Hawkins**, and their cousin **Joan Marie Johnson**, the trio rose to fame with their chart-topping debut and continued to influence pop and R&B music for decades.

Career Timeline

Year	Milestone
Early 1960s	Began performing as <i>The Meltones</i> in New Orleans
1964	Discovered by Joe Jones and signed to Red Bird Records
1964	Released “ Chapel of Love ” – reached #1 on Billboard Hot 100 , sold over 1 million copies
1964	Released “ People Say ” – reached #12 on Billboard
1965	Released “ Iko Iko ” – reached #20, became a signature song
Late 1960s	Joan Marie Johnson left the group due to health issues
1970s–1980s	Continued performing with new members including Dale Mickle and Athelgra Neville Gabriel
2003	Received the Rhythm and Blues Foundation Pioneer Award
2007	Inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame
2016	Joan Marie Johnson passed away
2022	Rosa Lee Hawkins passed away
Present	Barbara Ann Hawkins continues to perform with new members, keeping the legacy alive

Group Members

Original Members:

- Barbara Ann Hawkins
- Rosa Lee Hawkins (1944–2022)
- Joan Marie Johnson (1944–2016)

Later Members:

- Dale Mickle
- Athelgra Neville Gabriel
- Naydja Cojoe (current performer)

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Awards & Recognitions

- **Gold Record** for “Chapel of Love”
- **Rolling Stone’s 500 Greatest Songs of All Time** – “Chapel of Love” ranked #279
- **Rhythm and Blues Foundation Pioneer Award** (2003)
- **Louisiana Music Hall of Fame Inductees** (2007)
- **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame’s 500 Songs That Shaped Rock & Roll** – “Chapel of Love”