



### 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.<sup>2</sup>

### Career Timeline

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