

Homegoing Celebration Honoring the Life of
John R. Johnson, Sr.
“Johnny Boy”



Sunrise
January 16, 1924

Sunset
May 15, 2010

Monday, May 24, 2010 -11:00 a.m.

EMMANUEL AME CHURCH

15 Hartley Street
Montclair, New Jersey 07050
Rev. Tamoya Buckley, Pastor

Rev. Arlene A. Mills-Speaks, Eulogist
Sir Joshua Nelson , Organist
Barbara Hill, Pianist

Obituary

John Raymond Johnson, Sr. was born on January 16, 1924 in Salem New Jersey. He was educated in the Salem public school system. He was affectionately known as Johnnie Boy to those that knew him. He would say, he was not a boy, so call him Johnnie Man but that never stuck with his family or friends.

Johnnie Boy relocated to Montclair, New Jersey in his early twenties. In 1944 he decided to join the United States Army. He had a desire to serve his country with the hopes of seeing the world. He served his time and was honorable discharged in 1946 with a lot of knowledge.

After leaving the military services Johnnie Boy found employment as a long distance truck driver for Allied Trucking Company where he worked for many years. He also worked for several moving companies throughout his life. If you wanted to know how to pack a truck or storage unit he was your man to ask. He knew all the tricks of the trade.

Johnnie Boy was known with his peers for his ability to dress. He would say that dressing with the fad was showing that you did not have the ability to dress. He loved to wear good shoes and had his suits tailored made for some years. One of his favorite past times was playing cards, and with anyone who had the courage to sit down at the table with him. "Bid Whist and Pinochle" were favorite card games that he always played with his nieces and nephews. Losing was never an option, He wanted to win and that was it. And would argue you down if he believed you were trying to cheat. But still, His family loved to play cards with him. This is an everlasting memory that will never be forgotten. He also loved the horse races, dancing and cooking; but not necessarily in that order. Anytime you would see him he was always ready eat, and in his heydays he was a mighty fine dancer and he made sure his clothing was just as fine to go along with those dance moves, if not better.

While peacefully sitting in his wheelchair on May 15, 2010 at the Canterbury Nursing Home in Cedar Grove, New Jersey Johnnie Boy was called to rest. This was a still peaceful transition; no one knew that the Father had come to take him home. He was preceded in death by his mother, Harriet Johnson of Montclair, New Jersey; father, Raymond Drummond of Salem, New Jersey; wife, Mildred Johnson of East Orange, New Jersey; four sisters: Gertrude Thomas, Rachel Thomas, Caroline Bell, Geraldine Matthews and brother, Leroy Johnson Sr.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: his children, John R. Johnson, Jr. and his wife, Khadijah, Sharon Elizabeth Johnson, James D. Johnson Sr. and his wife, Mae, Pamela Johnson, Sharon Harrison and her husband, Robert and Wanda L. Leake and her husband, Maurice; thirteen grandchildren, Michelle, Mustafa, Shareefah, Asma, Trene, James, Jarrett, Chad, Sharmin, Mesha, Nichole, Kareamah, Andre and Courtney; twenty-three great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Congregational Hymn *Blessed Assurance*

Invocation *Rev. Gene Knox*

Solo *Rev. Gene Knox*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 121.....*Rev. Tamoya Buckley*

New Testament II Timothy 4:6-8*Min. Joyce Leake*

Prayer of Comfort*Rev. Theodore A. Faison*

Selection*Barbara Hill*

Acknowledgements &

Remarks *family and friends*

Tributes*Jourden Knox*

T'erah Johnson (great-granddaughter)

Davon Black

Shaunyeh & Lashaun Johnson (great-granddaughters)

Selection*Sir Joshua Nelson*

Obituary Reading *Rev. J. Victoria Knox*

Selection*Sir Joshua Nelson*

Eulogy*Rev. Arlene A. Mills-Speaks, Pastor*
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Recessional

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle

Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Wrightstown, New Jersey

Friends are invited to join the family for a repast downstairs in the church fellowship hall.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-Author unknown

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