

Reflections of Life

Arthur L. Johnson, Jr. was born in Paterson, New Jersey on April 18, 1950. He was the only son born to Arthur L. Johnson, Sr. and the late Pearl Hawthorne-Johnson. Arthur, Jr. attended School Six and Eastside High School.

At the age of 19, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he served in Okinawa, Japan during the Vietnam Conflict. When he returned home from Japan he married Geraldine Treadwell, and from this union three children were born Anthony, Shannon and Rahim. In 1990, Geraldine completed her journey and returned to the Lord. Then in September of 1993 he married Colleen Williams and in November 2007 she completed her journey.

Lovingly called "Butchie" by friends and family, he had a way of making you laugh at the right time. Butchie was true to his zodiac sign he could be headstrong and stubborn and if he said "no", he meant no. But there was also a kind and loving side of him that he showed to his family and friends. You could see him from a distance and know it was him by his walk, and he had a smile that would light up the room. Butchie lived a full and happy life. He enjoyed listening to old school music, talking trash and spending time with family and friends.

He was captured by God's embrace and met in heaven by his mother, Pearl Hawthorne-Johnson, loving wives, Geraldine Anna Mae Johnson and Colleen Williams-Johnson, his grandparents, aunts and uncles on July 31, 2010 at St. Michael's Hospital in Newark, NJ.

Arthur leaves: his children, Anthony, Shannon, Rahim, Qiyahma and Corey; his father, Arthur, Sr.; two sisters, Linda and Donna; one brother, Michael; two brothers-in-law, Jay and Pat; two sisters-in-law, Debra Williams and Brendella Treadwell; twelve grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends to always cherish his memory. He will be truly missed.

Order of Worship

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Poem Sonya McKinney (family friend)

Acknowledgements

Remarks By Family and Friends

Selection

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Words of Comfort Rev. Angelo McCutchen

Recessional

Interment

St. Peter's Cemetery Garfield, New Jersey

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you. My loved ones, oh so dear. But you see, the Master called me, His voice was very clear! I had made my reservation A heaven bound ticket for one. And I knew that He would call me When He felt my work was done. I know that your hearts are heavy Because I have gone away, But when the Master called me, I knew that I could not stay. Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you My loved ones, oh so dear, But, you see, the Master called me And, now I'm resting here. Yes, I've crossed on over to glory And to you all I say Just stay in the hands of Jesus And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown

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