

In Loving Memory of



Ronald Johnson

September 14, 1948 - September 14, 2010

Saturday, September 18, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC

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*Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating
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Obituary



Ronald Johnson was born on September 14, 1948 in Harlem Hospital to Frances Johnson and Robert Jackson. Ronald, popularly known to family and friends as "Ron," attended public school P.S. 156, J.H.S. 139 in Harlem and Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx. Ron served in the United States Marine Corps and was a Vietnam Veteran. Upon Ron's return from Vietnam he began a career with the New York City Housing Authority but eventually became a correction officer with the New York City Department of Corrections where he retired after twenty-one years of service.

A few years after joining the Department of Corrections, Ron met his future wife, Evelyn Williams. Out of this union Ron and Evelyn gave birth to two loving daughters, Chanda Johnson and Shatara Johnson. Ron and Evelyn were married for thirty-one years. Ron enjoyed fishing immensely and it was his "favorite" pastime. Sports came second to fishing, basketball, baseball, football and sometimes tennis. Ron didn't play these sports but was a critic and watched all of them. No one enjoyed reading a newspaper the way Ron read one (every single page and from cover to cover) especially in his favorite place, the "Congressional Lavatory". Ron enjoyed cooking. He will be greatly missed as the "Head Chef" on Thanksgiving and Christmas when he prepared a "feast" with so much love for family and friends.

Ron, we want you to know you left us with many great memories of you: your forever big grin and booming voice, your big teddy-bear persona, your non-judgmental and unconditional love for everyone, but most importantly for you and the time you spent with us. Good-bye Ron and "Thanks" for "your company". We love you.

Ron is survived by: his beloved wife, Evelyn; his mother, Frances Johnson; his daughters, Chanda and Shatara; his grandchildren, Tiara and Corey; his brothers, Darrel and Zachary; his sister, JoAnn; his sisters-in-law, Gwendolyn, Lucille, Valerie; his brothers-in-law, Willie, Melvin and Anthony; his aunts, Fameta, Sidney, Florita, Mildred and Barbara; his uncles, Lloyd, Reggie, Harold, Gary, Jackie and Dan; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

~ The Family

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Eulogy Rev. Lee Arrington

Selection

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York*

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

Acknowledgement

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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