

## <u>Obituary</u>

On November 11, 2010, Almighty God in His infinite mercy and grace, gently closed the eyes of our beloved **Howard Franklin Johnson**, as he entered into his eternal rest. Howard was the son of the late Ralph and Katherine Johnson.

Known to the family as "Bob," and also affectionately known as "Pop," Howard was born May 5, 1921, in Newark, New Jersey where he received his early education. He was married to the late Lillian Johnson and to this union two children were born, Howard A. Johnson and Yvonne E. Johnson, and he became a step-father to Shirley Shepherd. He later met and married Annie Gilmore in 1978 and was step-father to Edward Oliver Jr., and John Oliver.

Howard was employed with Essex County Hospital Center for thirty-five years. He was later employed by Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey for several years.

He was a member of Phillips Metropolitan C.M.E. Church. He served on the Usher Board for many years until his illness.

He was a member of the Prince Hall Masonic family and earned numerous honors, awards, and recognitions. With numerous Masonic affiliations, Howard was the Associate Patron of Bethal Chapter No. 10, Order of the Eastern Star; Worshipful Master of Jephthah Lodge No. 56 F.&A.M., P.H.A., 1991 – 1992, Montclair, New Jersey; Member of Golconda Temple No. 24, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Newark, New Jersey.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lillian Johnson, step-daughter, Shirley Shepherd; step-sons, Edward Oliver Jr. and John Oliver; sisters, Katherine Paxton, Elizabeth Goldston and Ann Johnson; as well as his brothers, Simon, Oswald, Ralph Jr., Elwood, Richard and James.

Howard leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife, Annie; two sisters, Irene Harris of Trenton, NJ and Phyllis Williams of Surprise, Arizona; his son and daughter, Howard A. Johnson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Yvonne E. Johnson of Douglasville, Georgia; and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude
Processional
Opening Hymn
Prayer of Comfort
Scripture Readings Old Testament New Testament
Acknowledgements
Obituary (Read Silently)
Eulogy Rev. Marshall J. Jenifer
Recessional

**Final Disposition** 

Rosedale Crematory Orange, New Jersey

