

After Glow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles
When day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering
Softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days,
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Oh happy memories that I leave behind
When day is done.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him;
and he shall bring it to pass -Psalm 37:5

Victory Celebration Service

For

The Reverend Dr. Ronald Walter Johnson

November 19, 2010 - November 20, 2010

Pastor of the Union Baptist Church
221 Myrtle Avenue - Passaic, NJ 07055

Services

Friday, November 19, 2010

Church & Community - LIE IN STATE

Union Baptist Church

221 Myrtle Avenue, Passaic, NJ 07055
5 O'CLOCK TO 8 O'CLOCK PM

The Celebration of Life Musical / 8 O'CLOCK

Saturday, November 20, 2010

LIE IN STATE - 10 O'CLOCK AM TO 12 NOON

Victory Celebration Homegoing Service / 12 NOON

Union Baptist Church

221 Myrtle Avenue, Passaic, NJ 07055

Monday, November 22, 2010 / 10 O'CLOCK

George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, NJ



Precious Memories



A Miraculous Exemplary Man

As I reflect over the years we met, were joined in Holy Matrimony and journeyed for the cause of Jesus Christ, I am blessed, honored and privileged to have been the life partner *to Pastor Rev. Dr. Ronald Walter Johnson sharing in his Miraculous Life and Legacy.*

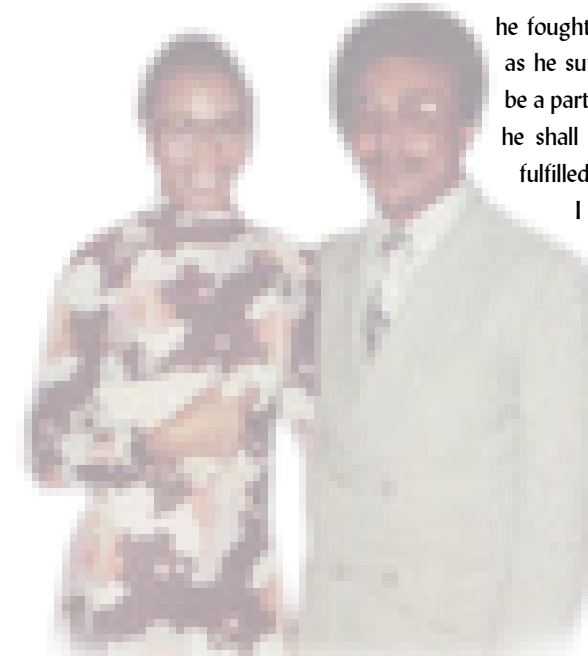
The works, the life and the service that Pastor Rev. Dr. Ronald Walter Johnson has given 'Speak For Him'. Yes, he was a lover of the Lord, his people, his works, but he loved his family. He was a great husband, protector, provider and companion. There are no words that could describe his relationship with our Son, Craig. It was just 'Special'. He beamed with great joy, as Craig and Samantha were joined in marriage

'Sam' and her family became apart of the family. He was her Dad and that relationship bloomed. He beamed with great joy and excitement as he became the proud grandfather, POP-POP, to Joshua Craig and Jayden Ronald. He loved to grocery shop, to cook and help in anyway he could, but it was just wonderful to witness the '*pep in his step*' when it came to his grands. He held great esteem for all the family.

We were chosen to be living witnesses of our Lord's miraculous hands. Since his triple-by-pass in 1995 and until his transition home, he was victorious over each and every situation. Ronald Walter Johnson was not only chosen, anointed, appointed, commissioned and sent to Preach the gospel, but he was chosen as a suffering servant serving a Suffering Savior. He was chosen to exemplify to the world the great healing power manifested by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through him. We witnessed his faithfulness to the cause of Christ because he never stopped working for the Master. Especially since March of 2003, with each year presenting surmountable challenges, Ronald Walter Johnson marched on being 'steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the works' because he knew his labors for the Lord would not be in vain. After thirty plus major operations, whereby we were told over and over again, he was not going to make it and to call in the family, Ron, with the awesome, Mighty, Healing Powerful Hand of our Savior defied the laws of natural medicine continuing 'steadfast and unmovable always abounding in the works of the Lord, knowing his labors, his suffering, his life was not in vain in the Lord.

With all of the no's 'he will not make it', with all of the breathing, dialysis, and heart machines created to aid in sustaining life, each and every time, Ron was victorious. On Friday, November 12, 2010, Ron peacefully, easily, and smoothly made his victorious transition fulfilling his divine call. As we made our sacred vows thirty-five years ago, '*to have and to hold, for better or for worst, in sickness and in health, till death do us part*', I know God knew he was faithful,

he fought a good fight, he kept the faith and I know as he suffered with and for Jesus Christ, he will also be a partner of the glory that shall be revealed. I know he shall receive a Crown of Glory and I know Ron fulfilled his purpose and can freely sing and say, "Oh I want to see him look upon his face, there to sing forever of his saving grace, on the streets of glory let me lift my voice, cares all past, home at last 'Heaven to Rejoice.'"



Lovingly, Myrtle
His #1 Cheerleader and Supporter

Thank You for all of your Prayers and Support through the duration of his illnesses and Victorious Celebration.

Please keep the Johnson Family in your prayers

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Order of
Victory Celebration Worship

Saturday, November 20, 2010 - 12 NOON
Rev. William B. Moore, Pastor
Tenth Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA.
Officiating

The Prelude

Processional Pastors and Clergy
Minister's Wives
Deacons
Trustees
The Family

The Hymn of Consolation #508 "Blessed Assurance"

The Reading From The Scriptures

Old Testament Rev. Kenneth D. R. Clayton
New Testament Rev. Gadson Graham

The Prayer of Comfort Rev. W. Louis McDowell

Selection *North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association*
Music Auxiliary

Acknowledgments/Condolences/

Resolutions Deaconess Louise Davidson, Church Clerk

The Tributes

National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Rev. Dr. Washington L. Lundy, VP
General Baptist State Convention of New Jersey..... Rev. Guy Campbell, President
North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association Rev. Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr., Moderator
Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Rev. William Davidson, President
North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association Ushers & Nurses Mrs. Dorothy Alderman, Past President
North Jersey District Ministers' Wives Mrs. Dorice Marks, MW Advisor

Selection *North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association*
Music Auxiliary

The Tributes

Church FamilyDeacon Jerry Monroe, Chairperson/Deacons
Trustee Jane Walker, Chairperson/Trustees

Church Resolution Deaconess Louise Davidson, Church Clerk

The Obituary (*Silent Reading*)

Selection *North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association* - Music Auxiliary

Dear Pop Pop, We will miss you so much. Our time together was too short.
Thank you for taking care of us and loving us so. We will NEVER forget you.. We
LOVE YOU Pop Pop!!!! Love, Joshua Craig & Jayden Ronald Johnson



Dear Dad, What can I say..the pain in my heart at times seems unbearable. I will miss you so much. I thank God for what he allowed our relationship as father and son to be and how he allowed you to still be a "Father" even as I reached 31 years. I LOVE YOU and will keep your life and legacy in my heart forever...Daddy, Sleep now and rest. You have "EARNED" this great Peace!!! Until that Great Trumpet Sound..... Love Your Son,



A Tribute to My Brother

" It's so hard to say goodbye," that's what Ron said
The race was won, he finished the fight, God knows my brother, my brother,
my pastor my friend.....he lifted up Christ to the very end.
He shared in the ministry for 33 years, working for the kingdom
with his blood, sweat, and tears.
He visited the sick, and gave to the poor, the heart of his ministry
was an open door.
He married and counseled, baptized, and dedicated..... Yes, my brother Ron
was a truly a Christian motivator
Like Nehemiah he wouldn't come down until his building was finished.....
and just like Paul, he carried a thorn in his side, it wasn't removed
but served as a beacon of light for all to witness that he could do all things through
Christ that strengthened him.
My brother Ron was steadfast, unmovable, and abounding in his work for Christ,
Know that your work has not been in vein.
Now just the other day, God called him home, from labor to reward.....
Today, we celebrate his life, he's made his transition, he's in the arms of Christ
It's so hard to say goodbye, lord knows I miss you already. You've been the mentor,
You've been the glue. We'll meet again in that great getting up morning. I can hear the
Lord say, well done, well done, my good and faithful servant, well done! I love you but
God loved you best, well done. It's so hard to say goodbye!

Sorrowful submitted with love,
Your Sister Pattie

Dad-I am so grateful to God that he allowed me 8 years to have had you Ronald Walter Johnson as my Dad. His love was authentic and true and it felt like a lifetime, but it was much too short.

I will never forget how warm and loving he was towards me when Craig first introduced us. He made me feel so special with his hospitality. I remember having dinner at the house and being very reserved, not eating as much. He kindly looked at me and said, "Sam don't act cute, you better eat after I have cooked for you". In our short, but sweet years we have shared so much together, and I will never forget it. Dad would always encouraged me with whatever problems I was dealing with even when he was not feeling his best. Dad taught me how to truly depend on God and to keep moving forward.

His strength and courage was like nothing I had ever seen before. He always held his head up even in his lowest times. Dad was always concerned about others, "Sam how are your sisters, how is Kendall doing?" God gave him a heart for people. He tried to help anyone he came in contact with that may have needed help. Not because he was a pastor, but because he showed compassion to everyone.

When Craig and I told Dad we were pregnant he was so happy and proud. We said Dad we are not telling anyone just yet, but this one thing he just could not keep to himself. That Sunday morning during pastors remarks he announced, "Myrtle and I are going to be grandparents, not to one but two. Sam and Craig are having twins". What a proud Pop Pop he was. What I found to be most amazing was how he took care of me during my pregnancy with the boys. This was only God keeping him during this difficult time for Craig and I, and not once was he hospitalize, not once. This was God doing what he does best. I remember him driving me to the baby shower, he asked if I knew what was going on, I said yes, he laughed and said "you better act surprise or your mother is going to be upset, we both laughed". The morning my water broke, I remember getting up saying Mom, Dad it's time. Dad said Myrtle what do we do? It was so funny, but he finally got it together and drove me to the Morristown Memorial often asking, Sam are you okay?

That day probably ranked very high as one of the proudest days of his life. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to give him two grand boys, Joshua Craig and Jayden Ronald.
Thank you Dad for loving me as your daughter.

Lovingly,
Samantha Mahalia Johnson

*Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moments, thank God!*

Be Blessed,
Samantha M. Johnson

The Tributes

On Behalf of Clergy Rev. Robert L. Curry, Past Moderator
North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association
Neighbors Rev. Benjamin J. Whipper, Jr.
Friends Rev. Granville Seward
Family Patricia McRae (*sister*) Darryl Johnson (*brother*)
Craig Johnson (*son*) Lady Myrtle Johnson (*wife*)

Special Tribute

The Sermonic Selection North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association
Music Auxiliary

The Eulogy Rev. Ray Frazier, Pastor
Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Rutherford, NJ

The Recessional

**The Miraculous Exemplary
Life and Legacy
of
The Reverend Dr. Ronald Walter Johnson**

The Reverend Dr. Ronald Walter Johnson was born February 8, 1946 in the City of Elizabeth and State of New Jersey.

It was there in the public schools he received his formal education, and upon completing high school, he matriculated at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. As an Honor Student during his four years, he participated in more than ten Extra-Curricular activities as Representative, President, Counselor and Chairman. His leadership ability exposed, coupled with his love of music, he is the Founder and was the Director of the Johnson C. Smith Gospel Choir. Later named, 'The Ronald Walter Johnson Gospel Choir' which became a permanent part of the institution bestowing great honor upon him. He was named to the Covetabile Distinction of 'Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

For a short period following his graduation from Johnson C. Smith University (1969), he taught at East Orange, NJ Senior High School, and later at the Newark College of Business, Newark, NJ.

Having been exposed to Christianity from birth, he met and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, and when he received 'The Calling on His Life', he left a lucrative teaching job to matriculate at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA., as part of the initial step and preparation to the ministry. Ronald Johnson made the ultimate sacrifice. He gave up everything, picked up his cross, and followed Jesus Christ because he knew, if Jesus would go with him, he would go anywhere. He knew that Jesus Christ would make ways for him out of no way. Completing all academic requirements, and upon the recommendation of the faculty, he was granted the Degree of Master of Divinity in Theology in May 1976. As he would so often say, and as he experienced first hand, Psalm 37:5, which became his favorite verse, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

In 1972 and as part of his field work at the seminary, he became the Director of Christian Education at Jones Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA. He expanded that Department significantly. He also worked with the Church in several endeavors; became a member in 1974; was ordained to preach the Word of God in 1975 by his Pastor Rev. J. Wendell Mapson and the Union Baptist Church Elizabeth, NJ, having been licensed at his home church and pastor July 1972, This steps were ordered as he was called to the Pastorate at Jones Memorial Baptist Church, September 13, 1976.

Reverend Ronald W. Johnson served the Jones Memorial Family for eight years. Our Lord and Savior evidenced Himself in the life and ministry of Pastor Johnson. Many souls were saved. The membership grow from 250 to over 1,400. The Holy Spirit moved as hearts and minds were touched, changed, and delivered as Pastor Johnson would declare God's Word. Preach is what he did and the results were clearly evidenced.

Other accomplishments during these chapters in his life included liquidation of a \$56,000 debt; the installment of a central air-conditioning system; the renovation of the upper and lower auditoriums; the padding of pews and chairs; a weekly hour-long radio ministry; two brand new mini buses and the production of a long playing album featuring the Combined singing units of the church.

Also credited with the formation of the Jubilee (Senior Pearls) Choir; the Junior Deacon Board; the Junior Trustee Board; the Mother's Board; The Social Missionaries (comprised of young adults); The Male Chorus; No. 2 Usher Board and PLUS (Parents Lending United Support). He also re-organized the Prayer Band, Nurses' Unit, The Celestial Mass Choir and tripled the membership. The marriage between Pastor and people, and with the move of the Lord's hand many great works were done during this chapter of his life.

He also shared his leadership ability and expertise outside the church. He was the Seminar Chair for the Philadelphia City-Wide Revival. He was a Board member of Tucker House Nursing Home, The North Central Council of Churches, Hampton Institute Ministers Conference, Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention and Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention Department of Christian Education. He held membership in the Baptist Ministers Conference of Philadelphia and Vicinity,

The Missionary Baptist Pastors Conference of Philadelphia and Vicinity and the Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity. He was bestowed with Doctoral Letters from Virginia College and Seminary for the great works that were witnessed during his eight years of ministry.

Reverend Dr. Ronald Walter Johnson met Myrtle Alice Harris and shortly thereafter they exchanged their sacred vows, "To have and to Hold from this day forward, for better or worst, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health" as they were married May 24, 1975, and four years later, they were blessed with their son, Craig Noel' Johnson.

In November, 1984, Pastor Johnson was given another assignment as he was called to the Pastorate of the Union Baptist Church, 221 Myrtle Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey. After much prayer and divine guidance, His Steps Were Ordered by the Lord, as he followed God, packed up his family and moved January 29, 1985 beginning a new chapter in his Book of Life.

He served the Union Baptist Church for twenty-five years, (April 24, 2010) taking the church to deeper and higher depths. He loved God's church and God's people.

The church membership grew and as the Word and witness went forth souls were saved. Under his leadership, the official boards were increased with sixteen Deacons, twenty-six Deaconess, Eighteen Trustees four of which were women - a first in the history of Union. A Minister of Music and an Assistant Minister of Music were also added in addition to the newly organized Leaders Council, New Members Committee, Christian Board of Education, Youth Advisory Board, Pastors Aide, Vacation Bible School, A Food Pantry, Dorcas Missionary, Male Usher Board, Hospitality Club, Prayer Band, Wednesday Bible Study, and an Office Secretary, Tape Ministry, Camp Union (six week summer program), Voices United, as well as the Youth and Adult Praise Dancers, and the Praise Team. The needy, homeless, sick and shut-ins, those who were left alone were provided Thanksgiving dinner, Annual Project Angel Tree providing Christmas and Christ to the children of incarcerated parents. The Sanctuary was completely renovated to a magnificent place of worship. Central Air Conditioning installed, renovation and modernization of the restrooms and the Pastor's study. A secretary's office was built and equipped with the latest office equipment. Improvement on the Summer and Myrtle Avenue properties, as well as, the church parsonage. The purchase of two church vans, installation of a new parking lot. The congregation had grown both spiritually and financially, as the membership increased tremendously.

He served in the following capacities, the President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Passaic and Vicinity, Financial Secretary and Treasurer of North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association, Second, First and Moderator of North Jersey District, a member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., member of North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association, member of the General Baptist State Convention of New York and Vicinity, Former Secretary to the Passaic Department of Welfare Executive Board, Executive Board Member of Hampton University Ministers' Conference.

Many are called but few are chosen, Pastor Johnson was Chosen to be a miraculous, mighty servant. He fulfilled his divine commission being faithful, "stedfast, always abounding in the works of the Lord." For he knew his labor was not in vain in the Lord." He was used by God's miraculous hands over, and over, and over, and over again because our Lord and Savior truly worked a wonder in his life. As he continued to labor under all types of trials, tribulations, illnesses, He was a Suffering Servant serving a Suffering Savior. Therefore, he would let anything separate him from the Love and Works of the Almighty. He fought a good fight, ran the race and we know he shall receive a Crown of Glory.

Reverend Doctor Ronald Walter Johnson was a Moses, a Joshua and indeed a Nehemiah. His life and legacy shall always be cherished and remembered. A miracle that truly lived among us and we thank God for being in the cloud of witnesses.

He was predeceased by his mother and father, Mary and Herman Williams, special aunt and uncle, Earl and Edward Brown, cousins, Lucielle Murrriell, Allen, Junior Martin, and two step brothers.

He leaves to cherish his life and legacy, his wife of 35 years, Myrtle Alice; his son and daughter, Craig and Samantha; his twin grandsons, Joshua Craig and Jayden Ronald, Hillside, NJ; one brother, Darryl (Stephanie) Johnson, Bronx, NY; one sister, Patricia Mc Rae, Rahway, NJ; a cousin sister, Joan Kates, Taranza, CA; one sister-in-law, Delores Jackson, Lindenwold, NJ; eight step sisters; four stepbrothers; Union Baptist Church family; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.