



Celebration of the Life of
William Jerome Johnson

Sunrise

October 29, 1963

Sunset

January 22, 2011

Service

Friday, January 28, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

Antioch A.M.E. Zion Church

900 Baltimore Avenue

Linden, New Jersey

Rev. Oscar Ogletree, Pastor

Obituary

On October 29, 1963 in Newark, New Jersey, God blessed the lives of Lovell and William Johnson with a wonderful son named **William Jerome Johnson**. Simply known as Jerome, he graduated from Rahway High School in 1982. Furthering his education, he also graduated from Alfred University in Alfred, New York in 1986 and the New Jersey State Police Academy in 1987. Although Jerome's home church was Antioch AME Zion Church of Linden, New Jersey, he frequently visited Siloam United Methodist Church in his town of Freehold. He was called home on January 22, 2011 at 1:34 am at CentraState Medical Center in Freehold, New Jersey.

Those who knew Jerome have fond memories. He had a compassionate and easy going demeanor. He was also personable and would lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Jerome's kind hearted and comedic spirit was felt by everyone. He truly made a great first impression.

Jerome was a professional man. He had a great work ethic which led to several managerial promotions. He most recently worked at Raymour and Flanigan's located at the Freehold Raceway Mall.

Being fun spirited, he found a way to enjoy the simple things and moments in life. He was particularly passionate about music, nature, and sports. Although throughout most of his life he loved to play and watch basketball, he was a die heart Pittsburg Steelers Football Fan. He could be heard for miles cheering his team on!

Jerome was predeceased by his grandparents, Ruby Williams and Argenia and Wilbur Johnson. He is survived by his fiancée; Dawn Eckhardt and her two children; Christina and Theresa Eckhardt, his parents; Lovell Johnson and William Johnson; his sister, Diane Mitchell (Shaheed); his niece; Jasmine Prioleau; and a host of aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,

The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude..... Cynthia Thompson

Processional

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Praise “Pass Me Not Oh Gentle Savior”

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament Psalm 90

New Testament..... 1st Corinthians Chapter 15

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Oscar Ogletree

Solo..... Mrs. Gloria Seymour

Reflections..... (2 minutes, please)

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Obituary..... Ms. Nakia Prileau

Family Tribute..... Jasmine Prioleau

Selection of Preparation..... Antioch AME Zion Church Choir

Eulogy..... Rev. Oscar Ogletree

Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Graceland Memorial Park Kenilworth, New Jersey</p>

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to the Antioch AME Zion Church where a repast will be served.

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”

Mother to Son
By Langston Hughes

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor—
Bare.

But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So, boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps.
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now—
For I've still goin', honey,
I've still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

Pall Bearers

Tony Ebron
Fred Polk

Shaheed Mitchell
Keith Bell

Kory Bell

Acknowledgement

The family of **William Jerome Johnson** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.