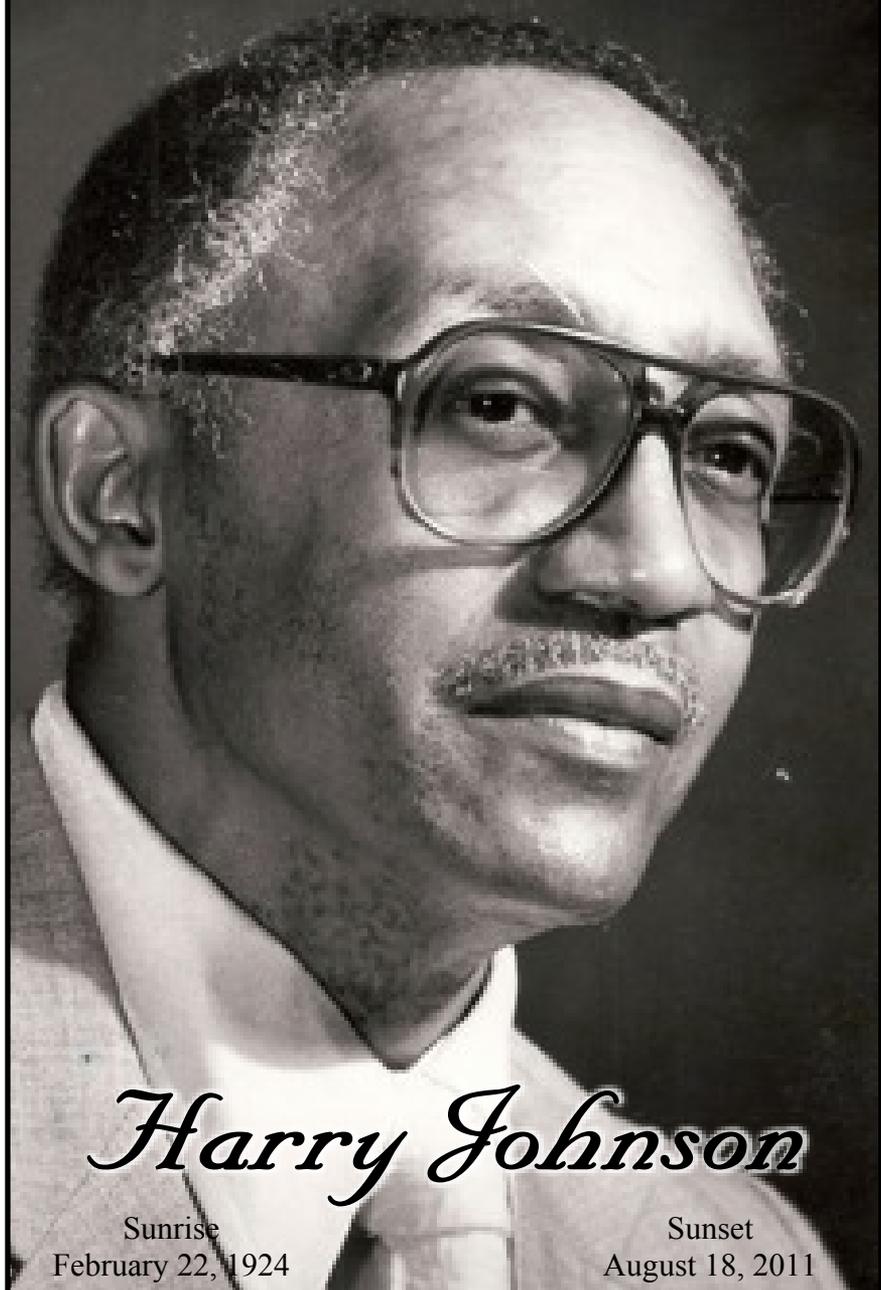


In Loving Memory of



Harry Johnson

Sunrise
February 22, 1924

Sunset
August 18, 2011

Reflections of Life

Harry "Champ" Johnson was born February 22, 1924 in Newark, New Jersey.

He grew up and attended school in Passaic and in 1942 entered the US Army, where he served for eight years. He served in Special Forces playing basketball and baseball, where he batted .400. He participated in winning numerous tournaments and championships. He was stationed all throughout Europe and Asia.

He was employed by Revlon Corporation in Edison, NJ, where he mixed chemicals until his retirement in 1986. During his mid forties, he was a two time Golden Glove Boxing Champion with the Passaic Boys Club. In the forties, he was the youngest member of the Passaic Black Socks, a professional baseball team at the age of sixteen. He was the only member of a bicycle marathon team that broke the then exciting record of endurance. Years later, he passed on his athletic prowess to younger generations, most notably as Manager of the Year. Thom McCann, in the Clifton Industrial Softball League 69-70; Outstanding Coach of the Year, Joe Shanty's Girls Softball State Champion 70-71; Coach of the Year Union Baptist Church, Passaic-Clifton YMCA Basketball League 73-74; Coach of the Year, Second Warders, when four division had the undefeated team in the Passaic Recreation League 74-75; twice selected All-League Catcher in the Garden State Leagues playing for the Twelve Aces. He was Cub Scout Leader Pack 85-DAV for seven years; one of the founders and presidents of the Second Ward Association; Past Director of PCAP Board and in the DAV Past Senior and Junior Vice Commander and Adjutant.

He was appointed Commissioner to the Board of Recreation under the former Mayor Robert Hare. Appointed Youth Work Advisor to the Passaic Branch NAACP. He was a lifetime member of the NAACP and also a member of the NAACP Hall of Fame. He has been a charter member of the Union Baptist Church for over seventy-five years.

He departed this life Thursday, August 18, 2011.

He was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-six years, Beulah K. Elam-Johnson, his mother, Anna Perry and father, Charlie Johnson, a son, Todd Stafford Johnson and two brothers, Joseph and Ravana Bey.

He leaves behind the legacy of unselfishness. It is this memory that will remain in the hearts of all those who loved him: daughter, Michelle Karen Johnson; son, Troy Sterling Johnson I; granddaughter, Brianne Lyris Johnson; grandson, Troy Sterling Johnson II; his sisters, Elizabeth and Eunice Bey; his sister-in-law, Margaret Johnson and Annie F. Elam; brother-in-law, Frank Elam; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Service

Wednesday, August 24, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

221 Myrtle Avenue

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Officiating

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements
and Reflections

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney
Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield, NJ

Recessional



Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, 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

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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