

In Loving Memory of



Griffin Johnson, Jr.

Sunrise
September 2, 1922

Sunset
January 19, 2014

Service
Monday, January 27, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
2226 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd. • New York, NY
Rev. Calvin G. Sampson, Officiating

Obituary

Griffin Johnson, Jr., was born on September 2, 1922 to the union of Griffin and Louise Johnson in Appling, Georgia.

He was the big brother to Beatrice, Gussie Mae, Margaret, Mary, Arlene, Fannie Mae, Webster, Joe, Lawrence, Charlie, James, Johnnie and George.

Griffin was a sargeant in the US Army where he was honorably discharged in 1946. He came to New York City in 1946, where he attended Walker Memorial Church.

New York is where he met and married the love of his life, Mary Charles in 1949. Their union lasted for sixty-four years.

Griffin worked as a Shipping Clerk for forty years with the Rextex Company. He became a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church on February 9, 1962 under the leadership of Rev. Calvin Sampson. Griffin was a layman in the church and was a part of the street ministry until his health issues made him unable to continue.

Griffin was admitted to the Amsterdam Nursing Home on January 9, 2009. Here he was visited by his wife, Mary faithfully everyday. At the nursing home he loved to tease the workers (especially Doris, Ime and Mr. Lewis). He also loved to sing gospel songs. Griffin could be heard bellowing out his favorite song, "This Little Light Of Mine" in the dining room on many occasions. He would also inquire about the whereabouts of his favorite Yankee baseball cap. Griffin remained in the Amsterdam Nursing Home until his passing on January 19, 2014.

He leaves to celebrate his life and memory: his wife, Mary; daughter, Judy; son, David; sisters, Beatrice and Arlene; brothers, Charlie and James; grandchildren, Mercilovidas, Zavier, Rolando, N'Dia and Sheila (predeceased); son-in-law, Rigoberto; daughter-in-law, Dot; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Although we will miss him and are saddened by his passing, we let him go joyously celebrating his ninety-one years of life.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo

Prayer of Consolation

Solo

Acknowledgements

RemarksTwo Minutes

The Acknowledgements.....Church Clerk

Reading of The ObituaryTrustee Lewis K. Stokes

Selection

Eulogy.....Reverend Calvin G. Sampson

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Journey

Through tearful eyes we
watched you suffer,
And saw you fade away. Although we
loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
Your heart of gold stopped beating,
Your work hands took a rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

Acknowledgement

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

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