

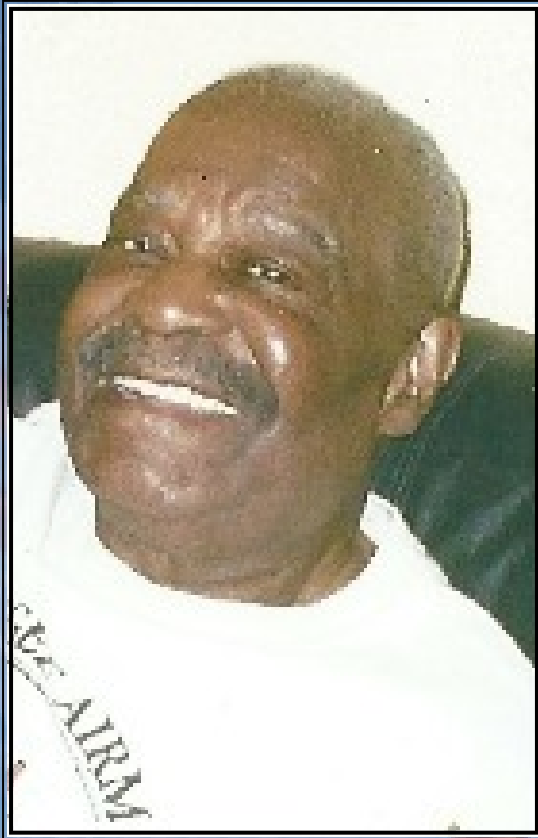
*Celebration for the Life of  
King David "Joe" Johnson*

**Sunrise**

December 10, 1919

**Sunset**

November 20, 2014



Friday, November 28, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**

145 Myrtle Avenue

Passaic, New Jersey

**Rev. Marti Robinson, Officiating**

## *Reflections of Life*

**King David “Joe” Johnson** was born in Abbeville, Georgia on December 10, 1919 to the late Frank Johnson and Classie Duhart. He was the eleventh child of twelve children. After the death of his parents, he and his siblings migrated to Passaic, New Jersey. That was in 1925 under the supervision of their uncle, the Rev. Chester Duhart.

He was educated in the Passaic School system. He was a long time member of the Bethel A.M.E. Church family.

Joe was inducted into the army in the year of 1942 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He honorably served in WWII. He received an honorable discharge in 1944.

Although he was not an Airman, he was a part of the “Black” military experience surrounding the Tuskegee Airmen at that time. In recent years, he often spoke of that era and many times you would see him wearing a Tuskegee hat and sweatshirt which connected him to his service. He was indeed proud of that time.

Joe moved to Newark, New Jersey and married Delphin Peppers. Out of that union, a daughter Barbara was born.

He gained employment as a heavy duty equipment operator with the American Smelting and Refining Company in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. He retired from the company after more than thirty years of service.

Joe married for a second time to Annelle Woodbury who previously lived in Florida.

Joe had many things to do and enjoy during his retirement. He loved to travel by train or car. He did not like to fly. Family was so important to him. He often helped to gather family information and made every attempt to attend family reunions no matter how far.

Joe was a big fan of the Negro League, circa 1920-1950. He collected numerous paraphernalia over the years.

He loved family holiday gatherings and never missed one. He loved to eat a good Southern meal and had a big sweet tooth.

Joe loved to take pictures of everything. Those pictures will be cherished memories. There are several, by the way, of himself looking as handsome as usual while his Nephew Joe would snap a shot or two. Joe was a debonair gentleman who enjoyed life to the fullest.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Frank Johnson and Classie Duhart; five brothers and six sisters.

David “Joe” Johnson departed this life on Thursday, November 20, 2014 peacefully.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory to his daughter Barbara Johnson; his grandson, Yakiim Johnson; his sister, Elector Geathers; devoted nephew, Joseph Rawls, Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Hymn of Celebration ..... “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Marti Robinson

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Hymn ..... “Understand It Better By And By”

Resolutions & Acknowledgements ..... Mr. Frank Johnson

Hymn ..... “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

Reflections of Life ..... Mrs. Beverly Porter

Solo ..... Rev. Dr. Louis McDowell

Pastor, Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Passaic, N.J.

Words of Comfort ..... Rev. Marti Robinson

Pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Passaic, NJ

Closing Song ..... “Goin’ Up Yonder”

Recessional

## **Interment**

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

Clifton, New Jersey

## *This Old World*

*This old world  
I'll see no more*

*Pain and suffering for me  
Is out the door*

*Oh, what a journey this will be  
Knowing my Father in heaven  
is walking with me.*

*Don't be afraid  
I'll be alright  
I'm cradled in Jesus' arms  
He's holding me tight*

*I needed this rest  
Only God knows best  
For those I've left behind  
Don't worry, I'm fine,  
Victory is mine.*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **David Johnson** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!

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