

*Homegoing Service for*  
*Deacon*  
*Clarence Edward Johnson*



**Sunrise**  
November 23, 1947

**Sunset**  
August 22, 2015

**Service**  
Saturday, August 29, 2015 – 10:00 am

**Faith & Victory Deliverance**  
118-120 Lord Avenue  
Bayonne, New Jersey  
**Pastor Edward Pernell, Officiating**



# ~The Legacy of Clarence Edward Johnson~

## **“The Song Bird is Home”**

Clarence Edward Johnson was born to Walter Preston and Hazel May Johnson on November 23, 1947. Clarence received his formal education at Duboise Elementary and Mount Hope High School in West Virginia.

As a young adult, Clarence relocated to New Jersey and worked for the State of New Jersey Division of Property Management and Construction. He devoted 25 years of service until he retired in July 2014.

In 1998, Clarence met Thelma Chavis through his favorite cousin Theresa and they were united in holy matrimony on September 30, 2000. Clarence was a devoted husband and loving father. He was known for his commitment not only to his children, but to all who know him well.

The couple attended the Faith and Victory church where he joined the choir and transportation ministry. While at Faith and Victory he sang with the male chorus and a group called the Joy Boys of Faith and Victory. The group consisted of Pastor Edward Purnell, Pastor Jimmy Geradeau, Elder Antonio McLaughlin, Deacon Sam Mack, and the late Willie Purcell. This anointed group expressed real passion and joy for the Lord. Clarence was known to lead On My way Home, Oh Mary Don't You Weep, and Jesus Will Fix It.

Clarence had an extensive singing career that span from North and South Carolina, West Virginia, New York and New Jersey. He began singing with his siblings at the Durry Hale Baptist Church in Fayette County, West Virginia. They were very well known and were invited to sing at many engagements. While in New Jersey, he sang with Rev. Jimmy Star and the Gospel Review and Young Blood and the Gospel Seekers. His all-time favorite song is by the

Rance Allen Group "Something about the Name Jesus." When singing he would give his all and declared through some of his favorite songs that God is his all in all. We will miss his rendition of *Your Grace and Mercy, The Blood, I've Decided to Make Jesus my Choice and Walk Around Heaven.*

One of the most endearing qualities about our dear brother Clarence was his ability to be a good listener. He had quiet strength and only spoke if he needed to. He was able to give Godly advice and for that was elevated to **Deacon In Training**. He enjoyed singing quartet with his siblings, taking a drive around town and various extended trips. He had that cool Southern charm and hospitality that will be missed dearly. Today our beloved brother is walking around heaven, singing and shouting.

***"So it is with the resurrection of the dead; what is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor and raised in glory. It is sown in weakness and raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body... For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality... Death has been swallowed up in Victory."***

Clarence entered into rest on August 22, 2015. Meeting him in the presence of the Lord is his father, Walter Preston Johnson; Sisters, Rosie and Lorraine Johnson, and Geraldine Bass. Loving memories will be cherished by his wife Thelma; Mother, Hazel May Bradley; his children, Amber, Stacey, Charnette (Frank Simmons), and Ebony. Siblings: Willie (Sandra), Charles, Johnny (Delores), and Lonnie (Renae). Sisters, Irene, Mary Brown, and Annie Williams (Robin). Grandchildren: Kerry, Taivon, Alycia, and Nagee. Mother-in-Law: Christine Cooper; Sister-in-Law: Haneefah (Winston), Michele (Jason), and Barbara. Brother-In-Law: Tony Robino. Godchildren: Zona Bates and Jason. Special Friends: Oscar, Young Blood, Dr. Dear, Bro. Bernie, Bro. Flowers, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and his church family.

# Order of Service

Officiating: Elder Deborah Maxwell -White

Theme: "The Song Bird is Home."

## Musical Prelude

Processional..... (All Standing)

Hymn ..... "Pass Me Not"

Prayer of Comfort.....(Elder Roger Williams)

Old Testament Scripture ..... Min. Martha Porch  
(Psalm 90: 1-12)

New Testament Scripture..... Min. Aquon Morrieson  
(Rev. 21: 1-7)

Acknowledgements/Resolution.....Sis. Claudine Welch

## Concert Selections

### Obituary

Selection ..... Faith and Victory Choir

Eulogy ..... Pastor Edward L. Purnell

Final Viewing.....Cotton Funeral Service in Charge

## Benediction/Recessional

### **INTERMENT**

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

# *Safely Home*

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;*

*Oh, so happy and so bright!*

*There is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,*

*Every restless tossing passed;*

*I am now at peace forever,*

*Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade?*

*Oh! But Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me*

*In that way so hard to tread;*

*And with Jesus' arm to lean on,*

*Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,*

*For I love you dearly still:*

*Try to look beyond earth's shadows,*

*Try to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,*

*So you must not idly stand;*

*Do it now, while life remaineth -*

*You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,*

*He will gently call you Home:*

*Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!*

## *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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