

HOMEGOING SERVICE

Celebrating The Life of



ALAN THOMAS

Johnson



Sunrise

December 31, 1951

Sunset

March 4, 2026

Service

Saturday, March 21, 2026 - 2:00 pm

G. G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

206 East Eighth Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey 07203

The Officiant: Rev. Tanesha Hunter

Life Reflections

Alan Thomas Johnson was born on December 31, 1951 to James Arthur Johnson, Sr. and Geraldine Woody Johnson in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Alan Thomas Johnson departed this life on March 4, 2026 in Plainfield, New Jersey at the age of 74. He was predeceased by his father, James Arthur Johnson, Sr., mother, Geraldine Johnson, and brother James “Jimmy” Arthur Johnson, Jr.

Alan loved the Lord and was baptized in 1963 at St. John’s Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, NJ, where he and his family were members for many years. Alan knew the Bible from front to cover and could recite passages with the greatest of ease. He also loved Gospel music, especially his favorite artist, Rev. James Cleveland, who he saw many times in person, and even formed a personal connection with.

Alan loved all sports, but especially boxing and his favorite fighter, the GOAT, Muhammad Ali. He never missed any of his fights and could recall each bout round by round. Alan even visited his public training camp in Pennsylvania. Alan trained himself at home and was not shy about teaching family members the sweet science.

Although he never had any biological children of his own, Alan was close to his nieces and nephews. He gave each of them special nicknames and they sometimes gave him nicknames back. He was a very fun uncle who liked to do impressions of celebrities, play games, tell jokes, and take the kids to the park. He also created his own slang terms that no one would ever forget.

Alan always worked with his hands and held various construction and janitorial jobs over the course of his life. His last job was Head Custodian at Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park, NJ from the mid 2000s until his retirement in 2016, where he was honored with a wonderful farewell dinner.

Alan met the love of his life, Sylvia Rivers in the 1970s in Plainfield, NJ. They were introduced by his neighbor, Nancy Jamar. However, God put Alan and Sylvia back together on April 26, 1996 and after that they were together ever since. She was like a dream come true and they were married on May 19, 2001 in Cranford NJ. They remained together until his death. Sylvia loved Alan very much and will miss him always.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, his beloved wife, Sylvia Rivers Johnson; siblings, Vincent Johnson of Newport News, Virginia; Gail Johnson Bouie (James) of Plainfield, NJ; Mark Johnson (Roxana) of Vancouver, Washington; sisters-in-law, Lillian Rivers-Fries (John) of Arkansas, Kim Evett Carter-Grant (Cory) of Arkansas, and Barbara Ruth Brack (Anthony) of Virginia, and a host of nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, cousins, friends, two close friends, Richard Carter and Kenneth Hayes, and one loving Aunt, Juanita Toombs of Jacksonville, Florida.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

ProcessionalClergy and Family

Organ PreludeProfessor Johnetta Bush

Selection..... Glorida Lyde Smith

Scriptures

Old Testament Vincent “Spanky” Johnson

New Testament..... Alana Bouie

Prayer of Comfort Vincent Johnson

Selection..... Gloria Lyde Smith

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

Family Tribute Vincent Johnson

Acknowledgment of Condolences Roxana Johnson

Reading of the Obituary Ian Bouie

Selection.....Bro. Willie Harris

Eulogy..... Gloria Lyde Smith

Recessional

Services Entrusted To:

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Life

Life is just a stepping-stone
A pause before we make it home
A simple place to rest and be,
Until we reach eternity.
Everyone has a life journey,
A path to take with lots to see
God guides our steps along the way,
But we were never meant to stay.

Our final destination is a place
Filled with love, His majesty and grace.
Today we celebrate the life of a loved one
Who has gone before us, the race he has won.
His journey has now ended,
His spirit has ascended
Claiming the great reward
With Jesus, our Lord.

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Alan Thomas Johnson** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you.*