



**CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF**



Donald W. Johnson

Sunrise: September 17, 1936 - Sunset: July 18, 2017



**Service:
Friday, July 21, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.**

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey
Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist**

Obituary

Donald W. Johnson

September 17, 1936 - July 18, 2017

Donald William Johnson was born in Teaneck, NJ on September 17, 1936 to the late Isaac Johnson and Mable Johnson; he was the third of four children. He spent most of his young life in Newark and Hackensack, NJ. He departed this life on Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

Donald joined the United States Army at a young age and served his country as a Light Weapons Infantryman from December 1954 to December 1956; he was honorably discharged from the army while stationed at Fort Lewis, WA. He took great pride in his service and honored the core values of the Army with dignity and respect.

While on leave from the army, in the summer of 1955 he met his beautiful wife Arlene C Johnson; they married on May 6, 1957. From this union three daughters and one son were born.

He left behind to those who loved him many great memories and stories of his childhood, as well as his time in and around his military service. His hobbies included fishing, singing and dancing to great songs from the 50s and 60s, and his love for baseball. His favorite baseball team was the NY Mets. He also enjoyed watching classic westerns, and Alfred Hitchcock movies on Sunday afternoons. His passion was putting together model cars, boats and airplanes to display throughout the house...he would spend hours at a time doing this.

He will be missed by many whose lives he touched including his wife Arlene, his daughters Shirley, Donna, Lavone and his only son Michael. He had a multitude of grandchildren whom he loved very much and they will miss him dearly...they all had nicknames. His oldest grandson whom he is now reunited with, Derrick (Boo), Melissa (Missy), Keisha, Sakeenah (Bluke), Safeeyah (Feeyah), Steven (Pudgy), Tyrell (Rell), Jonathon (Johnny) and Jasmine (Jazz). He is also survived by 8 beautiful great grandchildren, and a host of great nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donald was a wonderful man who enjoyed life to the fullest. Those who had the opportunity to know him, even if for a short while, will always be blessed. Our hope is that we will see him again.

In the words of Donald Johnson himself, ***“Howdyyy...Howdy Doo”, “Not one day, but everyday”*** :)

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Prayer

Bible Scripture
Old Testament (Psalm 23)
New Testament (John 14: 1-7)

Obituary
Michael Johnson

Words from family and friends

Eulogy
Rev. Edward Allen

Benediction

Recessional

INTERMENT

Monday, July 24th, 2017 - 2pm
Brigadier General William C. Doyle
Veterans Memorial Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Remember Me

Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter,
We shared throughout the years.

Now I am contented that my life it was worthwhile,
Knowing that I passed along the way I made somebody smile.

When you are walking down the street
and you got me on your mind,

I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.

So please don't be unhappy just because I'm out of sight,
Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night.



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude,
love and support during this difficult time.

The Johnson Family

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