# In Loving Memory of



# Christopher Johnson

Sunrise: December 25, 1940 Sunset: August 3, 2017

> Service Friday, August 11, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH

249 W. 132nd Street • New York, NY

#### **Obituary**

**Christopher** (Chris-cross, Flowershop) Johnson was born on December 25, 1940 to the late Irene Joseph and Robert Johnson in New York City. Chris made his journey home on August 3, 2017 at Montifore Hospital.

While growing up, Chris attended public elementary and high school in the New York City area. After high school, Chris joined his family flower shop business at "Carolina Flowers" located in Harlem. There is where he made many people smile inside and out. Chris later worked doing construction, but that could not keep him away from his passion for flowers.

Chris was unique because he accepted life and everyone around him with open arms without a question. Chris was well known for his personality, dance moves, jokes and of course we can't forget his sharp dressing. Chris was strong minded, easy going and an over all pleasant person. His family has come to peace knowing that he has been united with both his parents, his brother, Bobby Johnson and other loved ones. He will be truly missed by all his family and friends.

Chris leaves to mourn: his loving devoted wife, Sandra Johnson; his brother, Philip Young; his three children, sons, Christopher Johnson, Jr. (Veronica Johnson, daughter-in-law) and Kristen Joseph Johnson (KJ); daughter, Christine Irene Johnson-Mason (Al Mason, son-in-law); his brother-in-law, Gary Spence married to Florence; two other sisters-in-law, Beverly Spence and Doris Spence; four grandchildren, Kyla Harmonie Johnson, Cheyenne Aikens, Christopher Johnson III and Zoria Williams; his close cousin, Delores Littles; his nephew and niece whom he raised, Joseph Simmons and Averill Dickens; along with a host of nieces, nephews and godchildren.

To know him would be to love him. There was nothing he wouldn't do for anyone.

### Order of Service

#### Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings
Old Testament - Rev. Dr. Linda Spears
New Testament - Rev. Sharon Reese

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary/Remembrance Read by - Elita Spence-Bowles

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

#### Interment

Ferncliff Cemetery Hartsdale, New York

Well I, Christopher Johnson would like to be remembered as "The Florist" of the neighborhood. I grew up in my Uncle Samuel Young's flower shop, but we called him "Sam" or "Boss". I can remember the first things I did was sweep the sidewalk, open the doors for customers, roll down the awning when the sun came out, and pass the flowers to Boss when he was ready for them to stick in floral design which he was making up. After so many years went by he had me making up designs, bouquets, baskets, wedding corsets, broken hearts, casket covers, wreaths, pillows, chairs, standing sprays, and broken wheels. My Uncle Sam said, "if you can say it, he would make it." Because that's the family business and we all love one another we worked and enjoyed it. So if I am to be remembered, it is Chris that came up in The Carolina Flower Shop on 144th Street and 7th Avenue. And went on to get his own flower shops. Chris—remember him and the stores he had. And all my friends say, "Yes...We remember him."

## 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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