

*A Celebration of Life for*



*Frank Johnson*

*Sunrise: September 7, 1923*

*Sunset: November 28, 2018*

Service

*Thursday, December 6, 2018 - 1:00 PM*

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## Obituary

In fulfillment of the plan that God had for his life, longtime Harlem resident **Frank Johnson** went to sleep. Frank Johnson was born September 7, 1923 in Charleston, South Carolina to the late Phillip and Lillian Johnson. Frank was the oldest of four children. As a child he enjoyed going fishing, skipping rocks and playing baseball where he was known for his “knuckle ball.” As a teenager he migrated to New York City with his family where he attended New York City Public School. Frank met and married the late Mary Frances Gregg and together they raised four daughters, Margaret (deceased), Lucille, Veronica and Jo Anne. Frank enjoyed being a father and grandfather. Frank worked at several odd jobs before becoming a general worker and Pressman at Merchandiser Press until he retired. He also took sewing classes at night so he could become a tailor.

Frank was a self-taught photographer. He had a passion for taking photographs of people. Everywhere he went, he brought one of his cameras and he had several different types. He was well known in Harlem lounges for his photographic abilities, and of course his charm. “Candy” as he was affectionately known by his close friends, was quite the ladies’ man, a quality that remained until his passing. Frank took pride in living in Harlem. He enjoyed the culture and lived in Drew Hamilton Houses for over 40 years. Frank was a very good cook, you could catch him on a regular basis preparing Charleston style cuisine such as okra soup, hop n’ John, oxtails and sweet potato pies with made from scratch crusts! He enjoyed eating a good meal just as much as he did cooking it. Frank had a very outgoing personality, he never met a stranger. He loved to tell jokes and make people laugh. Frank could also be a firecracker and as stubborn as a bull if he did not get his way. He dreamed of the day when he would win big in the lottery. He played the lottery weekly and would create a “work up” to determine what Pick 3 numbers would win. Frank loved baseball. He loved the sport so much, that he preferred to listen to the game on the radio, rather than watch it on the television. Frank was a diehard New York Mets fan and his faith in his team never wavered. If you wanted to have a big fight, all you had to do was say something negative about the Mets. Anyone who knew Frank, understood that you did not call him when the Price Is Right was on the air, in fact, keep your conversation to a minimum if you were at his house visiting during this time. He loved playing along with the show at home and afterwards he would have commentary on the winning or losing bids of the contestants.

On November 28, 2018 surrounded by a host of angels, Frank departed from earth and entered into eternal life. Frank leaves to cherish his memories: three daughters, Lucille Johnson, (Harlem, New York), Veronica High, (Bronx, New York) and Jo Anne Smith (Anthony), (Staten Island, New York); nine grandchildren, Gwendolyn Goss, (Bronx, New York), Darrell Johnson (Sharon), (Pittsfield, Massachusetts), Edward Omolukun, (Harlem, New York), Sharon Johnson, (Harlem, New York), Armando Smith, (Long Island, New York), Lisa Williams (Zakim), (Charlotte, North Carolina), Keith Goss, (Bronx, New York), Derryck Johnson (Cheryl), (Woodbridge, New Jersey) and Lianna Johnson, (Harlem, New York); twenty-two great grandchildren; ten great-great grandchildren; a niece, Lori, (Bronx, New York); two great nieces; one great nephew; one niece-in-law; a sister-in-law, Andrea Hatcher, (Milwaukee, Wisconsin); two very special caregivers, Estina Cunningham and Francenna Silva; and a host of other family and friends.

**Submitted in praise and thanksgiving, the Family.**

# Order of Service

- Processional.....“Marching to Zion”
- Hymn..... “Amazing Grace”
- Scripture Readings.....Pastor Darrell Johnson  
Old Testament - Job 14:14  
New Testament - Matthew 5:4
- Poem Reading.....Great & Great Great Grandchildren
- Reflections (Two Minutes).....Family & Friends
- Solo.....“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”
- Obituary Reading.....Pastor Darrell Johnson
- Eulogy.....Pastor Sharon Johnson
- Final Viewing.....“I’ll Fly Away”
- Committal.....Pastor Sharon Johnson
- Benediction.....Pastor Sharon Johnson

## Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York*

# The Chain Will Link Again

*Little did we know that morning,  
God was going to call your name.*

*In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.*

*You left us beautiful memories,  
your love is still our guide.*

*And although we cannot see you,  
you are always by our side.*

*Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same.*

*But as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.*

## Acknowledgement

*The Family of **Frank Johnson** would like to thank everyone  
for their condolences and expressions of love. Please  
continue to pray for us, as we pray for you.*

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