

*Celebrating The Life of*

*James J.  
Johnson*



*Sunrise: October 24, 1932 ~ Sunset: August 26, 2019*



*Saturday, September 7, 2019 - 12:00 Noon*

**RISEING MT. Zion Baptist Church**

**27 Monroe Place, Montclair • New Jersey 07042**

*Rev. Elizabeth J. Campbell, Pastor*

*Rev. Ruby Williams, Officiating*



## **YOU NEVER SAID GOODBYE**

**Author Unknown**

**You never said I'm leaving  
You never said goodbye.  
You were gone before I knew it,  
And only God knew why.**

**A million times I needed you,  
A million times I cried.  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.**

**In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still.  
In my heart you hold a place,  
That no one could ever fill.**

**It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of me went with you,  
The day God took you home.**



# THE "JIM"

*On October 24, 1932 in the small City of Charlotte County, Virginia, Robert Frances and his wife Mary had a son, their first child, James Thomas Johnson.*

*James attended the Charlotte County school system. Every morning before school he would start a fire on the stove so that his mother could cook. While in Virginia, he would watch his uncle work the land.*

*After the passing of his father and at the age of twenty-eight, he and his mother migrated to New Jersey. The cars led him to employment at Belleville Pontiac in Montclair. While working there for a few years, after six years of working at Belleville Pontiac, James decided it was time to move on to a new job. He became a tractor driver with Allstate Can Corporation in Clifton, New Jersey. While driving tractor he listened to country music. He was a member of Teamsters Union Local 560, working for over twenty years. He was the custodian for the Grove Laundromat to keep himself busy. James would open the Laundromat when he was retiring.*

*James was known as "Jimmy" to family and friends. In his spare time, he worked on his car. He frequented his favorite hangouts: Larry's Gas Station, Kay O's Barber Shop and the Laundromat.*

*James met and married Deidre Westry and from that union they were blessed with his only son, James. He was kind, happy and would give a helping hand to anyone in need.*

*On Monday, August 26, 2019, James Thomas Johnson was called home to eternal rest. He is survived by his wife, Khaliah D. Johnson, Kyjuan T. Westry and Katrice Bailey-Terry; grandson Kwame Johnson, Lisa Matthews-Jackson, Geraldine "Mae-Mae" Matthews, Gary Westry, Frank Westry, "Kay" and Kim Jenkins-Martin. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.*

## FOREVER



THE LIFE OF

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EMMY

and Evelyn Dennison Johnson were blessed with their only

he would wake up early to get the firewood and prepare the  
on cars.

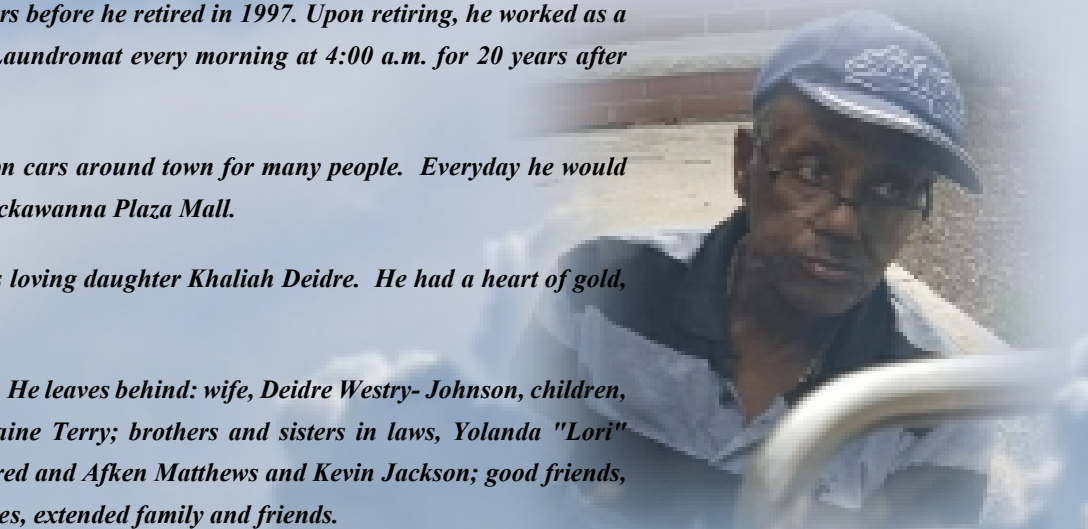
ted to Montclair, New Jersey where his love for working on  
he obtained his Class A Commercial Driver's License and  
to a better job. He secured employment as a tractor trailer  
ailers throughout the tri-state area he would listen to Jazz  
rs before he retired in 1997. Upon retiring, he worked as a  
laundromat every morning at 4:00 a.m. for 20 years after

on cars around town for many people. Everyday he would  
ackawanna Plaza Mall.

loving daughter Khaliah Deidre. He had a heart of gold,

He leaves behind: wife, Deidre Westry- Johnson, children,  
aine Terry; brothers and sisters in laws, Yolanda "Lori"  
red and Afken Matthews and Kevin Jackson; good friends,  
es, extended family and friends.

ER IN OUR HEARTS





# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Organ Prelude.....Professor Jerry C. Williams*

*Parting View/Seating of the Family*

*Invocation*

*Hymn.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

*Old Testament.....Sis Dorothy Griffin  
Psalm 46:1-10*

*Selection.....Sir Joshua Nelson*

*New Testament.....Sumayyah Taire  
John 14:1-6*

*Prayer.....Apostle Arlene Mills-Speakes, Founder  
Celestial Word Ministries • Philadelphia, PA*

*Solo.....Psalmist SuSu Montgomery  
“I Won’t Complain”*

*Acknowledgements and Remarks*

*Expressions of Love.....Kwamaine Terry  
Khaliah Johnson*

*Obituary.....Philomena Amoah*

*Selection.....Sir Joshua Nelson  
“How I Got Over”*

*Eulogy.....Rev. Ruby Williams  
Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church • Newark, NJ*

*Recessional.....“I Look To You”/Highway to Heaven”*

## **Interment**

*Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey*

Immediately following the Interment family and friends are invited  
for a repast at Eureka Lodge 173 Glenridge Avenue, Montclair, NJ



# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

*-author unknown*



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