



What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a mourning in spring
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family in need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it.....Dad

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece. If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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Celebration of Life *Dennis C. Johnson*



Sunrise: August 18, 1951
Sunset: May 20, 2021

Thursday, May 27, 2021 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey
Russell Murdoch, Officiating

Order of Service

Musical Prelude - Shanae James

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Opening Hymn - Seri Murdoch

Scripture Readings

Solo

Expressions of Comfort
Christopher, Alexis and Trevon Wiggins
Ericka Simon
Monica Wiggins-Cooper
Deborah Matias Ventura

Musical Selection - Seri Murdoch

Obituary - Read Silently

Solo

Eulogy - Russell Murdoch

Slide Show

Recessional

Interment
Glendale Cemetery
28 Hoover Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Repat
Freetown Kitchen
1844 Springfield Avenue
Maplewood, NJ 07040

Reflections of Life

Dennis Charles Johnson departed this life on Thursday May 20,2021,at Columbus Hospital, LTACH, Newark, N.J. 07107.

Dennis was born on August 18,1951 to the late Leroy Robbs and Rose Lee Manley in Gaffney,South Carolina.

During his childhood his family left the South and relocated to Orange, NJ 07050.

He attended Park Ave Elementary School and graduated from Orange High School.

After high school he began his work career at Robert Halls Dept Store. Subsequently, he worked many different jobs and his career progressed to work with Frank Sabinio as a contractor with Saint Barnabas Medical Center. He retired after 30years of work dedication.

During this time he met and married Deborah Moore from NJ. From this union they had two daughters, Monica Wiggins-Cooper and Deborah Matias Ventura.

Dennis Johnson loved his family unconditionally and there was nothing he wouldn't do to ensure they were provided for, happy and protected. He led by his example to not just survive, to live and thrive, with a heart of compassion for others, generosity and kindness.

Dennis accepted Christ at an early age which comforted throughout his life. He was baptized December 2020 and became an active member of the New Jersey Region of the New York City Church of Christ, Garden State Region and faithfully served the Lord.

His hobbies were spending quality time with family, going on road trips, visiting Asbury Park, listening to music, dancing and celebrating.

Dennis never complained or questioned God"why me?" He took all adversities in stride made the best of every situation and enjoyed life to the fullest. God continued to shower him with grace and mercy to restore his health time and time again.

He referred to his daughters as "His Hearts " but he has always been our "Hero" because we have a guardian angel watching over us.

Dennis was known for his unconditional love of family and friends. He kept a smile and a sense of humor. He referred to his daughters as "His Hearts" but he has always been our "Hero." We now have a Angel watching over us.

Our father loved to visit new places, meet new people, share memories, try new foods and he encouraged all who met him. He would give you the shirt off his back. He loved to make you smile, make you feel encouraged and be surprised with his thoughtfulness.

Although he struggled with health challenges, he's the bravest, strongest, hardest fighting soldier we know and maintained his dignity. He will remain in our hearts as a"King" with a Million Dollar Smile.

Dennis leaves behind to celebrate his life daughters;Deborah "Dee Dee" Matias Ventura (Jose Matias Ventura) Monica Wiggins-Cooper(Lenny Cooper) sister Gladys Jefferies(Charles "CJ" Jefferies)sister-in-law Mary Knuckles, three grandchildren, Christopher "Champ", Alexis "Princess" and Trevon "Trester"Wiggins with a host of family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Samuel,Horace and William.

May he Rest In Peace,as to be absent from the body is present with the Lord.

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