

Fallen Limb

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me".
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.*

In Loving Memory of Columbus L. Johnson

*Sunrise
March 20, 1932*

*Sunset
June 21, 2021*

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

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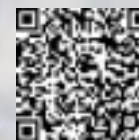
The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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Service

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Viewing: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Funeral: 10:00 a.m.

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Obituary

Columbus L. (Johnny) Johnson passed away on June 21, 2021. Over the past several years, he battled a host of medical challenges, but he did so with courage, grace, and dignity. Despite his struggle with illness, his countenance was always cheerful.

Johnny, also affectionately known as “Lummie”, possessed a quick wit and a great sense of humor. Always ready with a tease, he gave as good as got. Johnny cherished time with his family, those both near and far. And they treasured their time with Johnny. Whatever the occasion – birthdays, anniversaries, and even less joyous moments, Johnny brought a gentle strength, warmth, and love to those he touched.

Johnny had a profound effect on his family, who were inspired by his example of integrity, and his faith in the Lord. Johnny served with distinction and love for over 30 years as a member of the St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church. The St. Paul Community was a source of strength for Johnny, and he was deeply loved by those with whom he so faithfully worshiped and served. Johnny was an avid baseball and Philadelphia Eagles football team fan and relished attending countless games with his nephews.

Columbus L. Johnson was born in Bryan, Texas on March 20, 1932, to parents Oscar and Josephine (Laws) Johnson. Johnny served our nation in the United States Air Force for 20 years. He drew assignments in Washington, D.C., Okinawa, Japan, and New Mexico before his last post at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. From there, Johnny retired, but continued to work as a chef on the base, and later at Fort Dix.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Otis, Herman, and Oscar and sisters Lula and Georgia. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 38 years, Delores (Terry) Johnson, his son, Lionel C. Johnson, and daughters Vernetta (Monroe) Eastman and Debra (Joseph) Williams. He also leaves three grandchildren, Dr. Alicia Johnson, Christopher Johnson, and Tyrese Eastman, as well as sisters Ruby Abel and Oletha (William) Bell, and his special sister-in-law, Coreatha Sills. Johnny also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, and friends, for all of whom he showed unconditional love. His compassionate heart leaves a beacon of light for all in the community.



Order of Service

Invocation
Clergy

Old/New Testament
Clergy

Prayer of Comfort
Clergy

Selection

Acknowledgements/Resolutions

Obituary (Read Silently)

Family Moment
Lionel Johnson

Selection

Eulogy
Rev. Dr. Keith D. Tillett, Pastor
St. Paul AME Zion Church
Ewing, New Jersey

Recessional

Interment
Lakeview Cemetery
Cinnaminson, New Jersey