Celebrating The Life of James Smith Johnson



Sunrise March 29, 1935

Sunset November 24, 2021

Service: Thursday, December 9, 2021 - 10:00 am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466 Pastor Keith J. Williams, Officiating Rev. Kevin Wade, Organist

<u>Obituary</u>

**James Smith Johnson** (Jimmy) was born March 29, 1935 in Harlem, New York. He quietly transitioned from this life to eternal rest on Wednesday November 24, 2021 at Calvary Hospital Bronx, New York.

Jimmy was raised in a loving home by nurturing parents; Edwarden Phillips and James Johnson, he was the fifth of ten children.

Jimmy was educated in the public school system of New York where he learned to play the flute and all percussion instruments; he also loved going fishing and pursued boxing with the NYC PAL. Upon completion of school, Jimmy branched out into the workforce as a baker for Tip-Top Bread Co., interstate Bakeries (known as Hostess Brands) until his retirement in 1997.

Jimmy married Mary Elizabeth Obey and from this union they have five children; Karen, James Jr., Pierre, Lisa and Tracy. He later met and married Delores Brown and together they raised Novella and Ernest Ford.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his siblings Eustis, Morty, Duke, Tiny, Lucky, Margaret, Jackie and VI. Jimmy leaves to cherish his memory, children Karen Bowden (Henry); James Jr. (Rhonda K. Hill); Pierre (Karen); Lisa (Marvin); Tracy; Barrie (Sister) and a host of grandchildren; great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

" Jimmy will be missed by all who entered his life"



Order of Service

Recessional

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Amittyville Cemetery Amittyville, New York

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God has chosen 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've found now peace at the end of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joys. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; Oh ves, these things, I too will I miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, look for the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much: good friends, good times, a loved ones touch. Perhaps my time seems all too brief: don't lengthen your time with undue grief. Lift up your heart and peace to thee, God wanted me now – He set me free.

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

