

*A Celebration of Life*



# JAMES JOHNSON



11.29.39 - 1.25.22

*TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022*

FAMILY HOUR: 10:00 A.M. | SERVICE: 11:00 A.M.



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# OBITUARY

**James Johnson** was born on November 29, 1939, in Yorktown, Virginia, to Wilbert and Evelyn Johnson, (Fox). James was an only child. He graduated from George W. Carver High School in Newport News, Virginia in 1958. In high school, he was President of the Senior Band where he played trumpet and was voted the most likely to succeed. Following high school, he attended Virginia State University, in Petersburg, Virginia.

He served the United States Armed Forces in the United States Air Force. He entered service on November 10, 1959, and retired on April 30, 1980, having served for 20 years and 5 months. He achieved the rank of Technical Sergeant. Throughout his service, he received many medals and commendations; the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal with 4 oak clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Longevity Service Ribbon with 3 oak clusters, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. As a member of the United States Air Force, he was stationed at McCoy Air Base, Orlando, Florida, at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, at Norton Air Base, San Bernardino, California, Hellenikon Air Base, Athens, Greece, and he served at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

After retirement, he worked for over 30 years as a federal contractor. He worked in the computer science industry while attending the University of Maryland, College Park majoring in Computer Science. He was a Senior Software Test Analyst, having worked for the Computer Science Corporation, the Science Applications International Corporation of McLean, Va., and for National Security Agency government contracting companies in Ft. Meade, Maryland.

On December 4, 2010, he married Wanda Louise Barnett. James was a compassionate and caring man referred fondly to by his wife Wanda as “my Jim” and was her “rock.” Jim’s love for his family was most important to him and provided him the most joy. Jim and Wanda’s most precious times were family gatherings especially, July 4th, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, vacation trips to New Jersey, Ohio, and area beaches. After retirement, Jim played golf most days. He proudly spoke of the two times that he achieved a “hole in one” while golfing. He also learned new foreign languages and spent evenings watching TV game shows, listening to their favorite music and debating social and political issues. Jim will be dearly missed, and his memories will be cherished forever.

He passed away from heart failure at the age of 82 on January 25, 2022, in Fairfax, Virginia surrounded by his loved ones who will strive to honor his memory by living their lives to the fullest.

He is survived by his wife Wanda Louise Johnson (Barnett) of Alexandria, Virginia; his first wife of 27 years, Alice Gertrude Johnson (Jacob) of Clinton, Maryland and their three children: Kevin Johnson (April) of Clinton, Maryland, Trent Johnson (Nicole) of Montclair, New Jersey, and Nicole Jackson (Tyrone) of Camp Springs, Maryland, six grandchildren; David Johnson, Alicia Powell (Arnett), Geneane Johnson, Quentin Jackson, Nina Jackson, and Ava Johnson, two great-grandchildren; Katalina Johnson and Brandon Johnson-Epps, two step-daughters: Melissa Barnett, of Alexandria, Virginia, and Hillary White (Ronald) of Miamisburg, Ohio, and two step-grandchildren; Ronald White and Makayla White, and a host of other family and friends.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## INVOCATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Old Testament:** Psalm 27:1-5

**New Testament:** John 14:1-6

## PRAYER OF COMFORT

## SELECTION

**Elegy for Organ & Strings**

Music written by Trent Johnson

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Nicole Jackson, (Daughter)

Trent Johnson, (Son)

Kevin Johnson, (Son)

## TRIBUTE POEM

By Wanda Johnson

(Read by Trudy McKnight)

## OBITUARY (Read Silently)

## SONG OF PREPARATION

"It Is Well" ~ FTHCM Psalmist

## MESSAGE OF HOPE

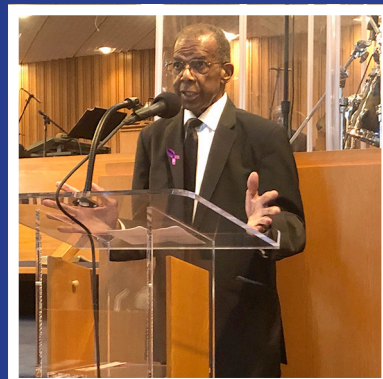
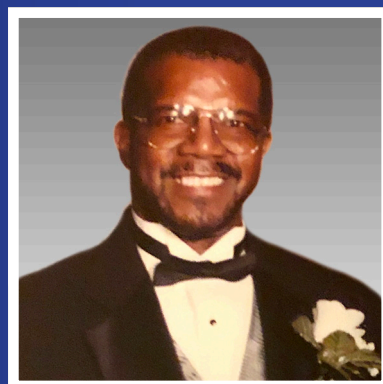
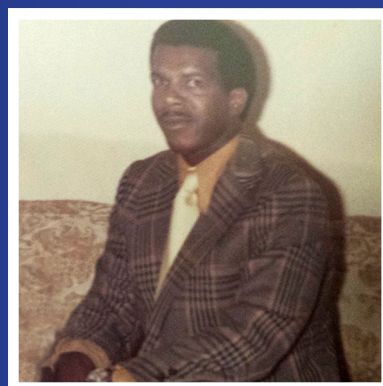
Reverend Walter V. McLaughlin, III

## CALL TO CHRIST

## MILITARY HONORS

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RECESSIONAL



# FAMILY SENTIMENTS

## MY JIM'S JOURNEY

Don't think of him as gone away,  
His journey has just begun  
Life holds so many facets  
This earth is only one.

Just think of him resting  
From the sorrow and the tears  
In a place of warmth and comfort,  
Where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing  
That we could know today  
How nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.

And think of those whom he touched,  
For nothing loved is ever lost,  
And he was loved so much.

*~ Your loving wife, Wanda*

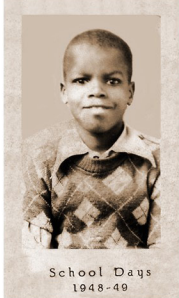
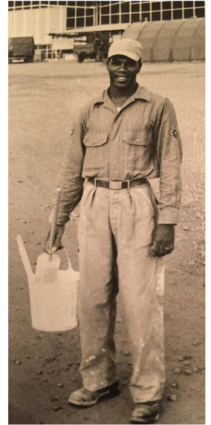
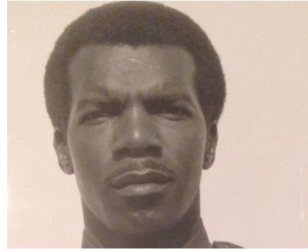


## THAT MAN IS A SUCCESS

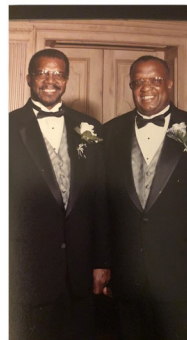
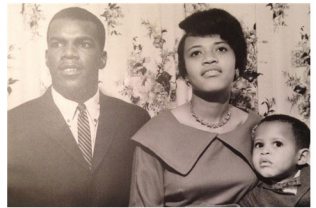
*By: Robert Louis Stevenson*

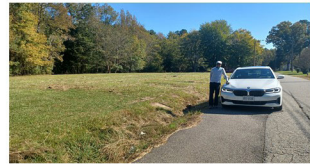
That man is a success  
who has lived well,  
laughed often and loved much;  
who has gained the respect of intelligent men and women  
and the love of children;  
who has filled his niche and accomplished his task;  
who leaves the world better than he found it,  
who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty  
or failed to express it;  
who looked for the best in others,  
and gave the best he had.

*~ Tyrone, Nicole, Quentin & Nina*



School Days  
1948-49





# FAMILY SENTIMENTS

## TO GRANDDAD

We feel infinite gratitude for the solid foundation you have given us. You were an unwavering example of strength, generosity, and fortitude, always showing us what was possible and gently guiding us along the way. We owe you a debt that can never be repaid, but the best of you can be exemplified in our lives through the legacy you've left behind.

*~ David, Alicia & Geneane*



## THE CHARACTER OF A MAN

*By: Kevin Johnson*

What can be said about the character of a man,  
When he was up, when he was down  
How he lived when no one's around

What can be said about the character of a man,  
Who loved his family unconditionally,  
Regardless of what they seem to be.

What can be said about the character of a man,  
Who gave in every way,  
Whose love received, left so much to say.

What can be said about the character of a man,  
Though he was going through,  
Focused more about what he could do.

What can be said about the character of a man,  
Who left us feeling sad, but yet we are glad,  
because that man, I'm proud to say, was my loving Dad!



2 HOLES-IN-ONE



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of James Johnson sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

## SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

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## PROGRAM DESIGN:

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