



Mr. Roosevelt Johnson

July 14, 1926 - August 11, 2021

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Roosevelt Johnson was born on July 14, 1926 to the late Walter and Lee Berter Johnson in Hughes, Arkansas. He was the third child of five children.

Early childhood days were spent in Round Pond and Madison, AR, and during these years he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and joined Madison Light M. B. Church. He loved to talk about his early days and how he and his siblings enjoyed their life growing up and often boasted about driving at the age of fourteen. He was also known for his skills in baseball and could throw a curve ball no one could hit. His love for baseball was always a part of his life and he loved the Detroit Tigers and in later years developed a fondness for the Texas Rangers.

He attended Lincoln High School in Forrest City but decided to leave and go north seeking a better life. He began work but was soon to answer the call and join the United States Army in 1946. While in the Army he was a heavy equipment operator and expert rifleman stationed in Guam with the 93rd Engineering Construction Brigade and received the WWII Victory Metal. After

his honorable discharge from the Army he returned to Detroit and began working for the city of Detroit.

Seeing that opportunities were better "up north", he convinced his father and mother to join him and after working together they soon purchased a home where family and friends would gather for over forty years.

Being a man of faith, he and his parents united with Ephesian Missionary Baptist Church. During this time he also became a Mason from the Prince Hall jurisdiction of Michigan and shared that he obtained 33 degrees.

In 1961, he married the love of his life, Bernice Richardson and they shared fifty-four beautiful years together.

They loved to go to church on Sunday's, where he served as a Trustee, travel in their camper, entertain family and friends and many other adventurous endeavors. After attending many family reunions of family and friends in Michigan, he had a desire to start a Johnson Family Reunion. He contacted cousins in the Detroit area and told them of his vision and they began to meet and organized what would be "The Johnson and Related Families" Reunion Committee. The first reunion became a reality in 1976 and held strong for over twenty years. Family members traveled to 8 states and Canada over the years because of his vision.

He retired from the City of Detroit in 1987 and returned to Arkansas, and fulfilled his desire to own a farm and he and his wife, with the help of his niece, Wilma built a beautiful home on his own land. While he had owned several homes and rent houses in Detroit this was a dream fulfilled in honor of his parents.

Also after returning to Arkansas, he and his wife united with the Pilgrim

Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Elder S. L. George. He was an active and devoted member, trustee, and deacon and served faithfully until his health failed.

He was also active in the Maroon and Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. for Lincoln High School graduates, and taught AARP drivers education class for seniors in Marianna for several years.

Family members waiting to greet him on the other side: Wife: Bernice Richardson Johnson, Parents: Walter and Lee Berter Johnson, Daughter: Deanna Brayboy Oliver, Siblings: Walter Louis Johnson, Deseire Thompson & Velma Currie, Niece: Patricia Johnson Walker, Nephew: Caleb Currie and a host of cousins.

Left to celebrate and cherish his memory: Two sons: Nathaniel (Vickie) Green Johnson, Marianna, AR and Dewayne (Pamela) Brown, Saginaw, MI; one sister, Bernice Johnson Motley; special granddaughter: Vanessa (Anthony) Brayboy Denison, Marianna, AR; four grandsons: Nathaniel Johnson, Jr., Jae Von Johnson, William Brooks & Ralph Oliver, Jr.; granddaughters: Ralphenia Oliver and Tanisha Oliver Arnold, Jada Flannel, & Genevia Jordan; fourteen great-grans; ten great-great grandchildren; five nieces: Christine, Doris, Wilma, Rebecca, Twymeter; one nephew: Donald, and a host of cousins and the Pilgrim Church Family.

Family and Friends are cordially invited to join the services via ZOOM if you are not able to attend. Click the link to log in: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84883316342?pwd=eHU3YINXa2I1RE45RkYzNjlsMVpxUT0> and the Password is: Johnson

Cemetery Details

Marianna Memorial Park Cemetery

972 West Chestnut Street
Marianna , AR 72360

Previous Events

Visitation with a requirement of a face covering

AUG **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church
6220 AR-1
Marianna , AR 72360

Service with a requirement of a face covering

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Johnson*



Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation - August 20, 2021 at 04:19 PM

WH

*Uncle Roosevelt was always the greatest in my eyes. We shared so many good times together. You taught us all so much. Yours was a life well lived and will truly be remembered with love.
Niece #3*

Wilma Holmes - August 20, 2021 at 10:34 PM

WJ

“ *William Gay Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Johnson*



William Gay Jr - March 24, 2022 at 02:30 PM

ST

“ *Shirley Williams Thorn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Johnson*



Shirley Williams Thorn - August 27, 2021 at 04:34 PM

WH

“ Uncle Roosevelt was always the greatest in my eyes. We shared so many good times together. You taught us all so much. Yours was a life well lived and will truly be remembered with love.
Niece #3

Wilma Holmes - August 21, 2021 at 10:36 AM

KH

“ Uncle Roosevelt, I will cherish all of the great memories. It was such an honor to be one of your great nieces. You will be missed. May your beautiful soul Rest In Peace.



Kamara Holmes - August 20, 2021 at 10:35 PM

AM

“ My dearest great Uncle Roosevelt. I am proud to have been born into this family! You have always been someone I admired because of your silent strength and loving kindness to all. You are truly a force to be reckoned with and will always have a deep place in my heart! You are now in the presence of Our Savior and with my Grandma Deseire, Aunt Velma, Uncle Walter, your parents Grandma Berta and Grandpa Walter, and your wife, Aunt Bernice!! Wow what a blessing! I am sending all of my love to you Uncle Roosevelt and thank you for being YOU!

Your great niece , Angela

Angela McReynolds - August 20, 2021 at 07:14 AM

CR

“ Uncle Roosevelt you are precious, honored and loved by many, including myself, your niece Chris, and we already miss you! I pray that God’s presence will keep us all strong, and compel us to live in love, peace and harmony in the spirit of your memory.
Loving Memories ,
Niece Chris Rodgers

Christine Rodgers - August 19, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ I will miss Uncle Roosevelt he was an very kind man and my thoughts and prayers are with our family during this difficult time.
-Symone McReynolds



Symone McReynolds - August 19, 2021 at 01:27 PM

EO

“ Earnest Stene Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roosevelt Johnson



Earnest Stene Oliver - August 16, 2021 at 11:50 PM

DM

“A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.



Sending condolences to the family of Roosevelt Johnson on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1944. Mr. Johnson was also a past member of the MGNAAI Reunion Committee.

*Delores Farr Morelon
MGNAAI President*

Delores Morelon - August 16, 2021 at 03:55 PM