



Our Beloved Father
Archer Roosevelt Johnson

Sunrise
April 29, 1928

Sunset
February 22, 2011

Service

Monday, February 28, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

535 East 22nd Street • Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham Way
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham, Pastor
Rev. Barry Graham, Officiating

Life Reflections

"I have fought the good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith."

Archer Roosevelt Johnson (a.k.a. "Archie" and "AJ") was born on April 29, 1928 in Cumberland, Virginia, the eldest son of the late Freddie and Louise (Smothers) Johnson.

Archie accepted Christ at an early age.

Archer was educated in the Cumberland County School District until he enlisted in the U.S. Army and fought in the Korean War in 1950. He received an honorable discharge in 1952.

In 1950, he met and married the love of his life, the late Mary Hazel Bradley who preceded him in death on June 16, 1973. Of this union three children were born.

He worked in the manufacturing industry at HES Tool Company in Teterboro, NJ and ITT Avionics Division in Clifton, NJ until his retirement in 2003.

Archie loved to entertain family and friends, he enjoyed music and dance. He was a wise man with a very generous and loving heart. His gift and determination was admired by many. Archie never complained and was known for saying "I'm OK".

Archer finished his race in the early morning of February 22, 2011 after a lengthy illness at The Veterans Hospital of East Orange, New Jersey.

He leaves to cherish in memory: his loving children, daughter, Doris A. Burrell, son-in-law, Louis S. Burrell, Jr. of South Carolina, NJ; son, Raymond R. Johnson, I and daughter-in-law, Evelyn Johnson of Thomasville, NC; daughter, Diane H. Johnson of East Orange, NJ; six grandchildren, Tamesha Harris, Denzel Louis Burrell, Danielle Nicole Moore, Reuel Alexander Moore and Eric Sean Burrell; three sisters, Louise Robertson; brother-in-law, Henry Robertson, Rose Davis; brother-in-law, Harvey Davis, both of Virginia and Mattie McCoy of Paterson, NJ; two brothers, Perry Johnson of Paterson, NJ; sister-in-law, Christine Johnson and Freddie Johnson of Virginia; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous close friends.

The family will dearly miss their beloved father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Family and Friends

Hymn of Comfort

“We Will Understand It Better Bye and Bye”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Matthew 8:1-4

Solo/Selection (Choir)

Denise Warren

Remarks

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Life Reflections

Raymond Archer Johnson, III

Solo

Harvey L. Davis

Words of Comfort

Rev. Barry Graham

Benediction

Hymn of Comfort

“When We All Get To Heaven”

Recessional

Interment

Fair Lawn Cemetery

Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Treasured Thoughts

Dad,

Each of us have our treasured memories though you are no longer here. You and Mom will continue to live on through us because the life lessons you taught will always be an intricate part of our lives. The last lesson you taught us was how to be a fighter because you never gave up. We thank you for your values, your integrity, and most of all your love for family and friends. We miss you both deeply.

~Your children, Doris, Raymond and Diane

Acknowledgement

The family would like to express their sincere thanks for the many prayers, courtesies, acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to them during this time. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you. A special thanks to Forever Lasting Friendships, Tenant's Club Members - Federated Apartments of Paterson, NJ, Iven (Fish) King, Kevin Slade, Dwayne Mitchell, James Mitchell, Charles Mitchell, James Alexander, James Emery, KG, Willie Harris, Reginald Adams, David Canady and Ralph Oriscello, MD.

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