

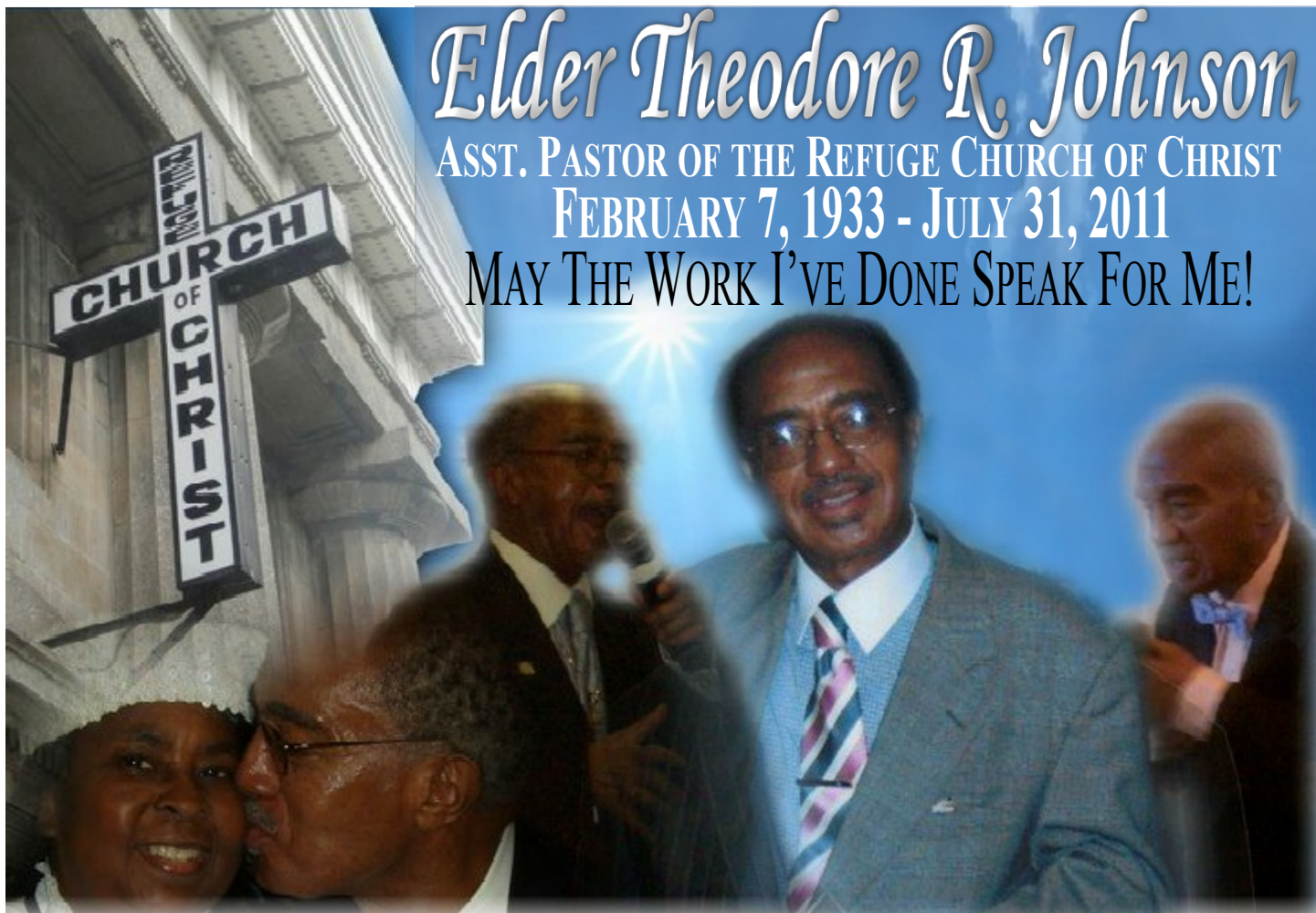
Home Going Services for

Elder Theodore R. Johnson

ASST. PASTOR OF THE REFUGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

FEBRUARY 7, 1933 - JULY 31, 2011

MAY THE WORK I'VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME!



Service

Saturday, August 6, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

Greater Refuge Temple

2081 Adam Clayton Powell · New York City, NY

Chief Apostle Bishop William Lee Bonner, Pastor

Bishop Leroy Joseph, Sr., Eulogist

District Elder Horace Michael, Officiating

Obituary

It was a joyous day on February 7, 1933, when the second beautiful baby boy was born to Rufus and Serlena Johnson and he was named **Theodore Roosevelt Johnson**. He was born in Wolf Pit Township in Rockingham, North Carolina. There he attended the Rockingham public school system and graduated from Rockingham High School. In his youth he attended the Methodist Church and sang with a quartet singing group. Theodore was known by his family and friends as “Henry”, to his co-workers as “Teddy”, and to his loving wife as “Teddy Bear”.

Theodore Johnson spent two years in the Army from 1953 until 1955 when he was discharged with an Honorary Discharge as a Corporal. After he was discharged from the Army he moved to Brooklyn, New York.

Theodore waited for his childhood sweetheart, Sadie Delilah McDonald to move to New York in 1957. Together they attended Refuge Temple on Seventh Avenue in Manhattan, NY and were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and were filled with the blessed gift of the Holy Ghost. On July 6th, 1958, Theodore and Sadie were united in holy matrimony and to this union two beautiful daughters were born.

After feeling the call to the ministry to preach the Gospel in 1957, Theodore attended the Church of Christ Bible Institute and the Apostolic Learning Center where he completed his Associate Degree in Arts Theology in 1987. In 1963, Minister Theodore Johnson was appointed to be the Assistant Pastor of the Refuge Church of Christ in Arverne, Long Island, New York, and has served faithfully for 48 years under the pastoralship of Elder Leroy Joseph, Sr. In 1965 Minister Johnson was ordained as an Elder of the Churches of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Elder Johnson has worked for the Glass Blowing Company as a glass decorator, Wilgreen's Electronics Co. as an electronic parts assembler, Chemical Bank as a keypunch operator, The Chase Manhattan Bank as a vault superintendent, and at Enhanced Reinsurance Co. as a vault superintendent. He retired from Enhanced Reinsurance Company in 1998.

Elder Johnson has been blessed and gifted in singing the songs of Zion and God's praises and preaching the Word of the Lord. Everywhere Elder Johnson went to fellowship he never failed to leave an encouraging word in song. Songs like “You Can't Hurry God, Oh, You Just Have To Wait”, “Down Through The Years, The Lord's Been Good To Me”, “Trouble In My Way, I Have To Cry Sometime, Jesus Will Fix It After While”, and so many others.

On Sunday, July 31, after months of illness, the Lord in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call Elder Theodore Johnson from labor to reward. Elder Johnson was preceded in death by his father and mother, the late Rufus and Serlena Johnson, a baby sister, Lucille, his brother, Johnie Johnson, his sister, Ruth Johnson Ingram and his godson, Michael Joseph.

He leaves to cherish the precious and fond memories of his life, his lovely and devoted wife, Sadie Delilah Johnson; his daughters, Terri Loreece Johnson-Walker (La-Don), and Althea Lorraine “Candy” Johnson; four grandchildren, Jason La-Don Walker, Japhia La-Shawn Walker, Jadon-Joel La-Don Walker and Mercedes Amber-Raé Johnson-Floyd; two loving sisters, Ada Inez McCrae (Elder Frank McCrae) and Elise Miller (Matthew); brothers-in-law, John Harrington (Sylvia), Joseph Ratliff, Lennon Maurice Davis (Bennette) and Jackie Bloomfield; sisters-in-law, Annie Black (John), Vernell Davis, Kathy Locket (Rev. Locket), Lula Canty, Freda Bloomfield and Lillie Ellison; one aunt, Ada Bell Johnson; Godchildren, Kobbie and Kory Porterfield, Octavia Smith, Anita Thomas-Mack and Sharon Whitehead Tart; a host of loving and dedicated nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. Elder Johnson will be greatly missed by his pastor, Bishop Leroy Joseph, Sr. and the Refuge Church of Christ Far Rockaway Church family, all of whom he truly loved.

Elder Johnson will always be remembered and loved as the “singing preacher”.

May God Be With You Until We Meet Again

To My Daddy, My Papa (Grandpa), My Elder Theodore Johnson, From your baby, your princess your Mercedes. Papa you have been my daddy since day one. You picked me up from school Every day" since the 6th grade until college and never missed not one day. You have possessed such a sweetness that surpasses all understanding when someone was sick you would drive the distance of heaven just to be at their side and when you were sick heaven gave you me, grandma, my mommy and a few more specially selected angels to return the favor.

It was my prayer that GOD would make a miracle out of your condition. But I don't blame him, I wouldn't want you away from me either. I remember the way you use to come up to me after service and say hi with such a smile and glow as if we didn't live together and as if I was the most beautiful thing that you'd ever seen. That was just the sweet, kind sincere beautiful, loving type of person that you are. I'm going to MISS that SMILE and that laugh so much. I will never forget you. I could never forget you you've made your mark on the world. Papa you have always sung "May the work I've done speak for me, May The life that I live speak for me". It HAS PAPA.....Papa I know you are already an Angel.

Everybody knows I have an old soul when it comes to music and I would like to think that you had something to do with that. Every time I listen to my favorite gospel songs "Order my steps", "Power of the Holy Ghost" by the Mighty Clouds of Joy. Walter Hawkins or anything else, I will think of you. I am going to miss everything about you, you are beautiful man of GOD. I love everything about you. Papa you have impacted my life and an incredible amount of other people's lives so much. Thank you Papa for being the best Papa in the whole wide world. Thank you for loving me with all your heart and soul .We are going to take GOOD care of grandma so don't worry I promise you. Papa you got a new walk over in Zion and its yours, yours, yours Rest in peace when you're not singing my angel "I love you". Until we meet again. I want to give a special thanks to Deacon Gregory Lee from Refuge Church of Christ, Far Rockaway for staying at my father's side as if it was a job given by GOD himself. I will never forget what you have done. May GOD bless you with all the desires of your heart Phillip Lee and my best friend, Ashley Armstrong who was always there, GOD bless you.... sing on PAPA.

Love Mercedes Amber Ra'e Floyd

Papa,

Words cannot truly express how grateful I am to have been known as your granddaughter. You have blessed my life as well as others in so many ways filling it with laughter, honesty, sincerity and most of all love. Growing up, I watched you as you carried yourself with dignity and pride, standing firm to what you believed in which was sharing the love and word of God. I can never repay You for being my papa. For showing me the true Love that a grandfather should show his granddaughter. I will never forget the punishments of saying the Lord's prayer after Mercedes and I did something wrong. And even when we laughed at you for mispronouncing your words, you still laughed with us in the end. You were the best grandfather a granddaughter could have and I'm proud to have called you mine. To some you were Elder Johnson and to others you were Mr. Johnson, but to me, you were my papa and for that I am grateful. You are now at peace singing your song "May the work I've done speak for me" and truly it has. I Love you papa always and forever. Until We meet again...For it is well with me..it is well with my soul.

*Love always and forever,
Your granddaughter, Japhia Walker*

1st Thessalonians 4:13-17 KJV

The Hope of the Resurrection

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.



Acknowledgements'

The family of **Elder Theodore R. Johnson** wishes to express their deepest and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness, concerns and prayers, including cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and especially your presence here on this day. We also appreciate those who took the time out of their busy schedule to travel from small and great distances to encourage us at this time. Special thanks to Bishop Leroy Joseph and the Refuge Church of Christ family, thank you for the many ways you showed love and compassion. May God richly and abundantly bless each of you and may his peace be with you always.

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Officiant District Elder Horace Michael
Processional Family
Prayer of Comfort Elder Michael Bouie
Scripture
 Old Testament Elder Leroy Joseph, Jr.
 New Testament Elder Rasahn Staley
Selection Combined Choir of Refuge, Far Rockaway
Special Tribute Bishop Theodore R. Harrington
Resolutions
Acknowledgement of
 Condolences and the Obituary Sis Lauren Staley
Selection The Combined Choir
Remarks The Clergy (2 minutes)
Remarks Family and Friends (2 minutes)
Duet Sis. Paulette Ingram and Bro. Sam Short, Jr.
Remarks Family and Friends (2 minutes)
Sermonic Solo Elder Lewis Harrington
Eulogy Bishop Leroy Joseph, Sr.
Final Respects
Benediction
Recessional

Interment
Calverton National Cemetery • Calverton, New York



*I am home in Heaven Dear Ones oh so happy and so bright
there is perfect peace, joy and beauty in this Everlasting Light
All the pain and grief are over every restless tossing passed
I am now at peace forever safely home in my Savior's arms at last.*





MAY THE WORKS I'VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME

*(Elder Theodore Johnson's
testimony in song)*

May the works I've done speak for me.
May the works (I've done) speak for me.

When I'm resting in my grave,
There's nothing more to be said;
may the works down here Lord,
speak for me.

May the life I live speak for me.
May the life (I live) speak for me.

When I'm resting in my grave,
there's nothing that can be said;
may the life I live, let it speak for me.

The works I've done,
sometimes it seems so small,
Then again it seems like
I've done nothing at all
But when I'm dead and in my grave
There is nothing that can be said,
May the works I've done,
let it speak for me.

PaPa

Who'd try to give me all the world
As far as I could see?
Who always has two open-arms
And smiles made just for me?
Who always finds some special time
That we-two can share
And never is too busy,
To show how much he loves and cares
God worked a special miracle
When He made a "grandpa"
And I'm so glad that you are mine
I love you so much Papa
The Angels of God came to take you home
To take you away from all your suffering and pain
I will miss you so much Papa,
But I am happy that you are resting peacefully
in the Presence of the Lord
I will always love you Papa, but God loves you best.

Love your Grandsons, Jason & Jadon-Joel Walker

Teddy Bear

I found strength loving you
I found joy in being a part of your life
and knowing that you were a part of mine.
You were most important to me
and I realize how precious and
how much a part of my happiness
you were more and more with each day.
"Our love has precious memories
that cannot ever be erased."
I will love you always and forever,
Your Darling "Dee"

WHAT MAKES A DAD

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... "DAD!"

We love You,
From your Daughters,
Terri L. Johnson-Walker and Althea "Candy" Johnson