

*Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life of*

Randolph Leroy Johnson

Sunrise

October 29, 1928

Sunset

September 1, 2011

Service

Friday, September 9, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

St. Elizabeth's Church

North Broad Street at Chestnut Street
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Father Andy Moore, Officiating

Life Reflections

Randolph Leroy Johnson was born on October 29, 1928 in Roselle, New Jersey, son of Viola Helena Davis Johnson and Henry Wise Johnson. He lived most of his life in Roselle.

He attended the Roselle public schools and graduated from Abraham Clark High School in 1946. After High School he served honorably in the United States Army and continued with college and other professional studies.

Randolph was joined in holy matrimony to the love of his life, Angela Christmas, and together they would raise three children, Anthony, Iva and Henry. A devoted husband, father, brother, and friend, nothing was more important than family to "Papa Randy" or "Randy" as he was also affectionately known. A gentle spirit, Randolph embraced life fully and touched and enriched the lives of many. A GIANTS season ticket holder since 1952, he loved his sports! An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing, boating, camping, and traveling with family and friends. While in his presence, you could count on feeling at ease and enjoying good conversation on just about any subject - especially politics.

A devout Christian, from an early age Randolph accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior and remained faithful to His word. Randolph was an active member of St. Elizabeth's Church in Elizabeth and had been a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher at Second Baptist Church in Roselle.

An entrepreneur, Randolph began his early career as a bricklayer and master mason, He went on to found BRM Construction, and as a custom builder, left his mark on NJ and surrounding areas. Randolph was also a licensed real estate and insurance broker. He owned and operated Johnson and Johnson Realty and Ebony Travel Agency in Roselle.

He was a member of Acacia Lodge # 23 – PHA in Roselle, the Roselle Branch of the NAACP, the National Association of Realtors, NJ Travel Industry Professional Society and ASTA.

Randolph moved to East Norriton, Pennsylvania to live with his daughter Iva for the last four years of his life.

Randolph Leroy Johnson departed this life on September 1, 2011 at Montgomery Hospital in Norristown, Pennsylvania at the age of 82. He was predeceased by his wife, Angela C. Johnson and siblings, Mabel Johnson, Thelma Smith, Beulah Johnson, Iva M. Johnson and Henry Raymond Johnson.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, two sons, Anthony Paul Johnson (Ursula) of Plainfield, NJ and Henry William Johnson of Austin, TX; a daughter, Iva Ernestine Ferrell (Darrin) of East Norriton, PA; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; a sister, Dolores H. Henderson of St. James, Long Island; a brother-in-law, James Christmas of Richmond, VA and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order Of Service

Processional

Hymn 220 LEVAS "We Are Climbing Jacobs Ladder"

Collect

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Randolph Johnson, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament: Job 19:21-27

Psalm 114

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary

Reflections Rev. Dolores H. Henderson

Hymn 29 LEVAS "Near The Cross"

Holy Gospel: John 5:24-27 Father Moore

Sermon Father Moore

The Apostle's Creed BCP 496

Prayers Of The People BCP 497

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 60 LEVAS "How Great Thou Art"

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus Hymnal S130

The Lord's Prayer LEVAS 264

Agnus Dei.....Hymnal S164

Holy Communion All Baptized Are Welcome To Receive

Communion Hymn 141 LEVAS "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

The Commendation BCP 499

The Committal BCP 501

Recessional Hymn 12 LEVAS "We're Marching To Zion"

Interment Graceland Memorial Park – Kenilworth, New Jersey

*Randolph and Angela
Together Again*



“He Leaves A Legacy”

By: Sondra L. Dean
September 4, 2011

The heavens have called one of its shepherd away;
And that is why we all have gathered here on this jubilant occasion today.
You see, Randy was the youngest son, of this mighty Johnson line;
And though he has joined his other siblings beyond, he leaves two generations behind. His children and his grandchildren, his baby sister, nieces, nephews and so many cousins alike. And when you look around at this mighty family, you see the spirit of their kinship that binds them together so tight. Whether you are a Johnson by blood, or by love, you were a part of Papa Randy’s family here on earth; And he was very proud to have had the parents who long ago in this life did give him birth. And raise him up to know and accept Jesus Christ,
So that when he parted from here, it was only to begin a new life, With his brother and sisters, mother and father, aunts and uncles and Angie, his beloved wife. Be not afraid of where he’s gone, Nor linger in sorrow that he has left.
Let us celebrate this day for Randy is running to catch up with the rest.

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends of **Randolph Johnson**

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

James G. Christmas II and Rufus Edmonds

Acknowledgement

The family of **Randolph L. Johnson** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers.

May God continue to richly bless you.

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