



*In Loving Memory of*  
*Edward Calvin Johnson, Jr.*

*Sunrise*  
March 6, 1938

*Sunset*  
May 23, 2012

Service  
Friday, June 1, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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*Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating*  
*Marvin Hadley, Organist*

## Obituary

**Edward C. Johnson, Jr.** went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at the James J. Peters Veterans Hospice. He was born on March 6, 1938 to the late Edward and Oriole Johnson. He was the oldest of ten children. He was lovingly called Calvin by those who loved him, and everyone else called him Eddie. Calvin grew up in Harlem, where he attended public school, graduating from Seward Park High School. As a child, he developed a real love for sports.

In his early years, he ran track for the Police Athletic League (PAL), and Pioneer's Club. He was well known for his daily mile walk. He served in the United States Army.

Calvin was a member of the Original Five Social Club, the Old Timers Club, as well as a member of the 117th Street Block Association which hosted an annual Block Party. He was also a phenomenal bowler and received many trophies and awards. He was an exceptional card player.

He loved to hunt and would share his kill. Calvin loved to cook and was well known by everyone for his cooking skills, He could cook anything for anyone. There was never a hungry person around him.

Edward Calvin Johnson was preceded in death by his brothers, Reginald and Gregory, father, Edward, mother, Oriole and loving wife, Deidre.

He is survived by: two daughters, Rhonda Legree of Phoenix, AZ and Lisa Weeks of Columbia, MD; three sons, Brian, Reginald (Reggie) and Edward (Lil Calvin) of New York; sisters, Janet Johnson-Thomas of Bronx, NY, Patricia Jackson (Reginald) of New York, NY, Shelly of Bronx, NY, Yvonne of Chesapeake, VA and Kim Ervin (Sam) of New York, NY; brothers, Ronald of New York, NY and Antonio of Bronx, NY; five grandchildren, Dawneisha, Erin, Myesha, Isaiah and Kameron; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friend's.

He loved life and loved having a good time. He was ageless, his spirit unbreakable, youthful, and fierce.

# *Order of Service*

## **Processional**

### **Selection**

“Gone Up Yonder To Be With My Lord”

### **Scripture**

First Reading - Psalm 27

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:1,6-10

### **Gospel**

Matthew 11:25-30

### **Prayer**

### **Selection**

“Amazing Grace”

## **Acknowledgements**

### **Remarks**

### **Obituary**

### **Selection**

“Precious Lord”

### **Eulogy**

Rev. Lee Arrington

## **Committal**

### **Viewing**

## **Recessional**

### **Interment**

Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

## *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.*

-Author unknown

### *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences and best wishes during our time of bereavement.

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