

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



MICHAEL ALONZO JOHNSON, SR.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".
Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

11:00 a.m.

St. James A.M.E. Church

588 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Ronald L. Slaughter, Sr. Pastor
Rev. Jacqueline Reeves, Officiating

Obituary

Michael Alonzo Johnson, Sr. was born on October 13, 1949 to the late Frances Collier and John "June" Johnson in Willard, North Carolina.

Family was important to Michael and as he grew older he was very much all about family. Michael lived with his grandparents, Mae Henry and Oscar "Lil Honey" Murray. They were strong influences in his life and made certain that he knew who God was. They taught him well and Michael always remembered where he came from. Upon graduation from high school he moved to Brooklyn, New York in 1967 where he met and married Ronda C. Littleton where they raised their son Michael Jr. who was the light of his life. His grand daughters meant the world to him -Jazmyne, Janelle, Jayla and Faith. They were his pride and joy, a day did not go by without him thinking about them.

Michael was an avid sports fan; he loved his Cowboys, tolerated the Giants, pitied the Knicks and the Nets, and supported the Jets. On any given weekend you would find him glued to the TV rooting for his favorite team.

Michael was the consummate friend. Michael was the type of man who would give you the shirt off his back. He was generous to a fault. Mike was the "go-to-guy". Once you became a friend of Mike's, you were a friend for life. Just ask any one of his long time friends from the Post Office where he was employed for over thirty years.

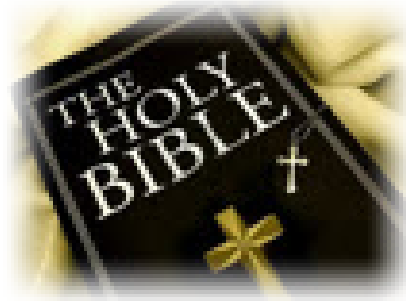
Michael gave his life to Christ August of 2004 when he became a member of St. James AME Church.

Michael was preceded in death by his mother, Frances, brothers, Victor and Kenneth and grandparents, Mae Henry and Oscar Murray. He leaves behind to cherish his memories his wife of 40 years, Ronda; his son, Michael, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Calynda and his four beautiful granddaughters, Jazmyne, Janelle, Jayla and Faith; his brother, Howard Crump; aunts, Ruth Murray and Louise Johnson; uncle, Brian Murray; cousins, Bonnie, Kerry, Darius Walker; and a host of other family and friends.

Michael is loved dearly by all who knew him.

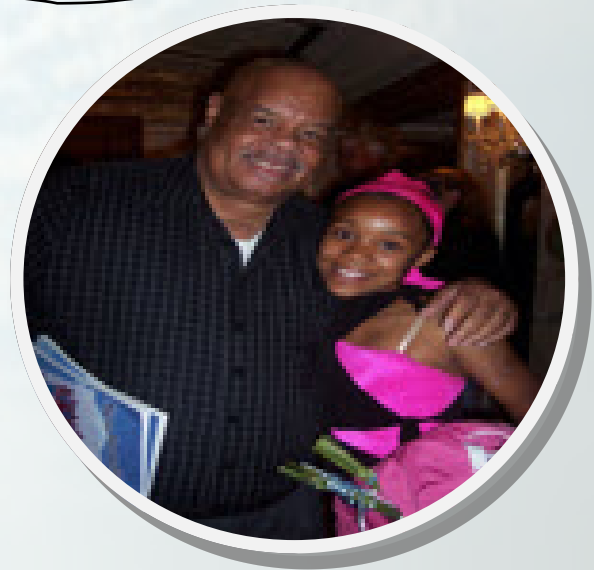
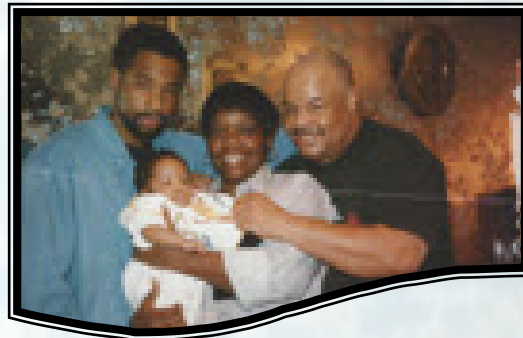
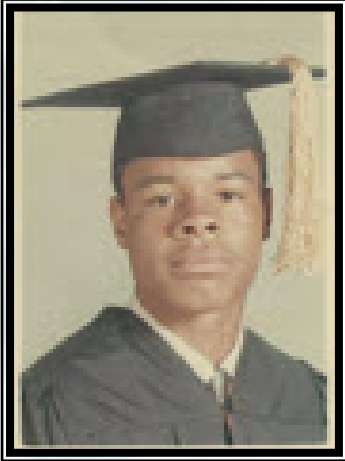
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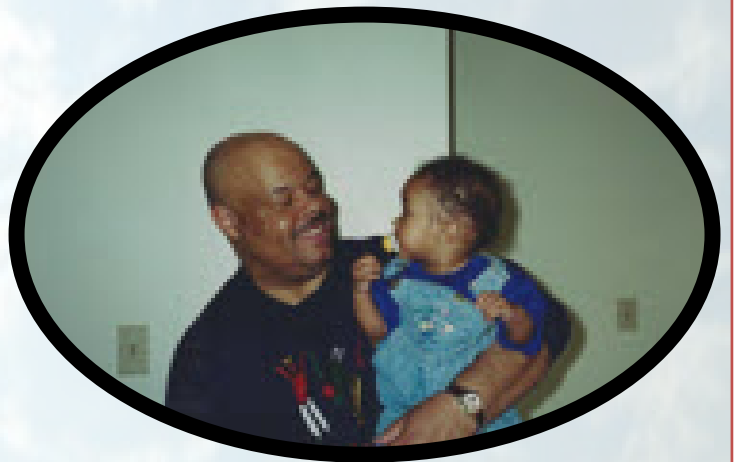
- Musical Prelude Bro. T.J. Martin
- Processional Clergy & Family
- Opening Hymn “Soon & Very Soon”
Rev. Kenton Rogers
- Prayer of Comfort Rev. Garvey Ince
- Scripture Reading
Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 Sis. Ardania L. Johnson
New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18
- Musical Selection Rev. Kenton Rogers
- Resolution and Acknowledgements Sis. Dollie Sherrod
- Reflections & Family Tribute Grand Daughters
Jazmyne, Janelle & Jayla Johnson
- Obituary Read Silently
- Message of Hope Rev. Reuben Littleton
- Recessional “Going Up Yonder”
Rev. Kenton Rogers

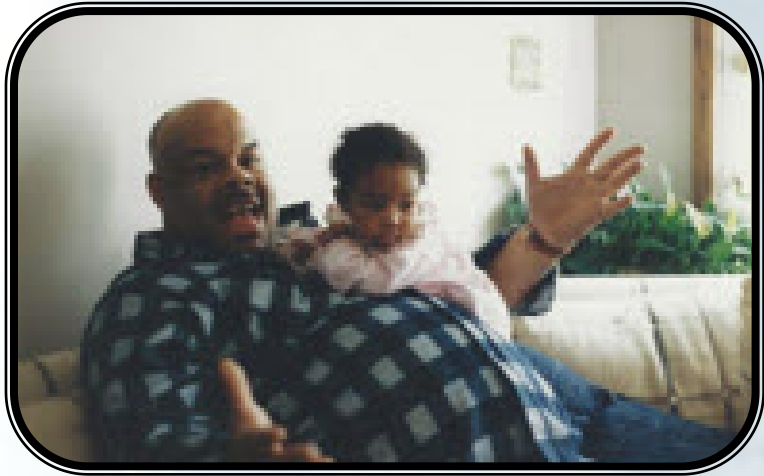


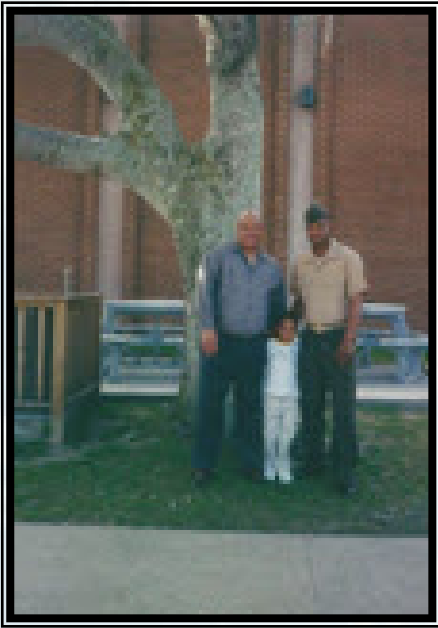
Additional Services and internment will take place in Willard, North Carolina on Saturday, September 8, 2012.

*Repast immediately following services at the church.
You are invited to join the family in the church's dining hall.*











When I'm gone

by Mary Alice Ramish

Release me, let me go.

I have so Many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie your self to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love and you can only guess,
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must
then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for awhile that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So, if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
and if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say, welcome home.



Acknowledgement

The family of Michael A. Johnson, Sr. would like to
thank each of you for your prayers during his time.

We pray God's richest blessing over each of you.

The Family

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