



*In Loving
Memory
of*

Sunrise
January 23, 1950

Sunset
June 22, 2014

William Edward Johnson, Sr.

Service

Monday, June 30, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. Edward R. Culvert, Officiating

Mr. Scott Tolbert, Organist

Obituary

William Johnson was born to the late Thomas & Bertha Johnson on January 23, 1950 in Bronx, New York. William had one sister Marie Ann Johnson that passed at a early age.

He leaves his loving and faithful wife Deborah Griffin Johnson, His son William Edward Johnson Jr. (Eddie) of Bronx, New York, four daughters Chevelle Johnson of Bronx New York, Billaura Johnson of Connecticut, Naomi & Norma Gonzales of Bronx, New York, Three step sons, Anthony Estaba, Maurice Crawford of Bronx New York, Maurice (Aysha) Griffin of Thomson, Three step daughters Diane Crawford of Bronx, New York, (Tony) Magon Kitchens of Thomson, Gloria Rowland of Augusta Ga. Three grandchildren Lashell West, Deasia Johnson, and Samuel Hall. Six step grandchildren Alexcya, Amaya, Aniyah Griffin, and Tanae, Kaden, Nyla Kitchens. Two great grand kids Omari Sab and Devin Dobbins, a host of other relatives and friends.

William transition into eternity on June 22, 2014 at age 64 at Weill Cornell Hospital with his family by his side.

William attended D Wood Clinton high school where he later met and married Diane and had his first two children William Edward Johnson Jr. and Chevelle Johnson. After his divorce he went on to have Billaura Johnson daughter of Aurora Estaba. Then he later had two other children Naomi & Norma Gonzalez daughters of the late Maria Gonzalez. William later married his present wife Deborah Griffin.

William spent his summers keeping busy, which later on help him discover his hidden passion for motorcycles, cars and trains, which led him to his life long Journey. His passion for trains lead him to volunteer his services at Steamtown Parks & Recreation in Scranton Pennsylvania, he was a fireman, conductor, and took annual test to be a certified trainman. William was in the process of training to become an engineer when he became ill.

William was a devoted husband, loving father and caring grandfather. He was a loyal friend to many. William spent most of his time helping others, his compassion and caring heart shine through on everything he did. Not only did William make a living fixing cars, he also would fix people cars for free to help people who were in need and didn't have the money to pay. William was the type of man that would take the shirt off his back for any one in need even when he needed it for himself.

If you cry, cry tears of happiness for the Bible tells us, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I have unspeakable Joy. Mourn me for a time let go and let God comfort and give you peace.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection.....“Amazing Grace”

Scripture ReadingsDeborah Johnson

PrayerRev. Dr. Edward R. Culvert

Selection.....“Precious Lord”

Acknowledgements, Cards and Flower Reading

Remarks2 Minutes

Poem.....Lashell West

ObituaryLashell West

Selection.....Omecca and Melasia

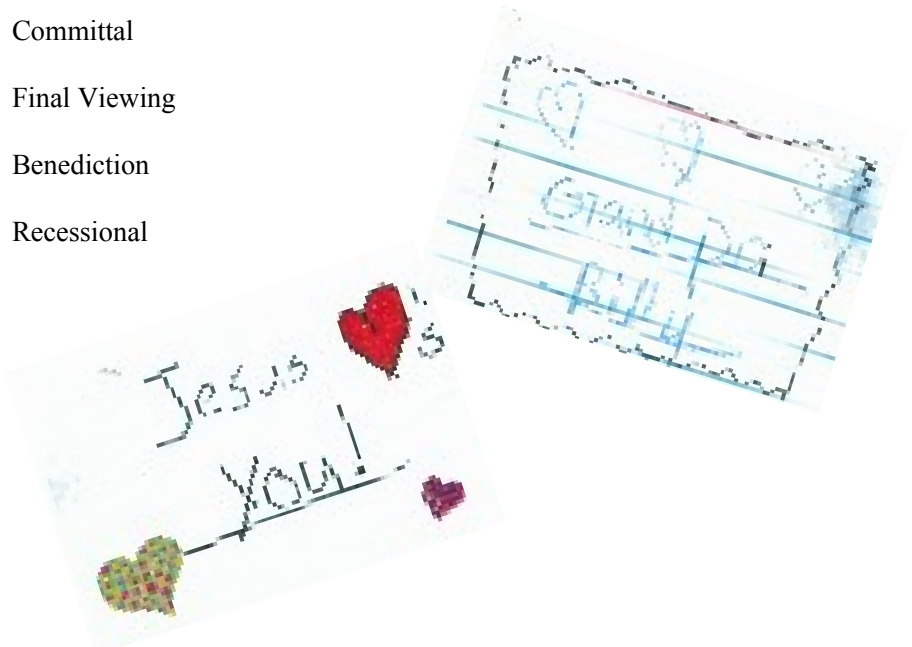
Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Edward R. Culvert

Committal

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional





Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle for it was Gods war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was but I did my best. Just say that I tried to do what's right to give the most I could, not do less. Please don't give me no Wings or Halos that's for God to do. I want no more then I deserve no extras just my du. Please don't give me flowers or talk in hushed tones. Don't be concerned about me now I'm well with God I've

made my home. Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done. Just see to all my family needs, the battle has been won. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint, I've done some good I've done some wrong, so use all your paint not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark in fact put me down on canvass paint me in your heart. Don't just remember good times but remember all the bad. For life is full of many things some happy and some sad. But if you must do something, then I have one last request, forgive for the wrongs I've done and with the love that's left thank God for my souls resting thank God for I've been blessed. Thank God for all who loved me praise God who loved me best.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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