

*Homegoing Service*

*for*

*Michael Anthony Pittman Johnson*

*"Bird"*

**Sunrise**

August 21, 1987

**Sunset**

November 26, 2015



*Saturday, December 5, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.*

**PHILEMON BAPTIST CHURCH**

246 Shephard Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

*Order of Service*

Presiding ..... Elder Richard Dinkins

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament..... Evang. Laura Collins

New Testament..... Elder Richard Dinkins

Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Juilann Kinney

Selection

Acknowledgements,

Cards & Condolences..... Renika Montgomery

Poems ..... Yvette Carpenter

Special Remarks ..... Bishop Marvin Brashaw, Sr.

Remarks.....(Two minutes please)

Obituary.....Mother Clara Breedlove

Selection ..... Claretha Breedlove

Eulogy ..... Elder Donald Carpenter

*Destiny Fellowship Center, Moorestown, NJ*

Closing Prayer ..... Elder Richard Dinkins

Hymn

Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

***Repast***

*New Saint Matthews Baptist Church  
132 Orchard Street, Newark, NJ 07112*



2 Corinthians 5:8

*We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with Lord.*

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**Michael Anthony Pittman Johnson “Bird”** was born August 21, 1987 in Newark, NJ to the parents of Michael Anthony Pittman and Carol Johnson. He was adopted by his aunt, Geraldine Ross and his uncles, John Ross and Kelvin Pittman. He departed this life on November 26, 2015 at Beth Israel Hospital after a brief illness.

Michael was educated in the Newark Public and Private Schools. He graduated from Shabazz High School in Newark, NJ and attended Orange County Community College in Middletown, NY. He worked for Andover Sub-A-Cute Rehabilitation Center in Andover, NJ.

In his spare time, he enjoyed playing basketball, and going to the studio rapping and spending time with his family.

Michael was a member of Full Gospel Pentecostal Church as a young child. He recently attended New Saint Matthews Baptist Church under the leadership of his mother Pastor Geraldine Ross.

Left to cherish his fond memories are: his children, one son, Juelz Johnson; one daughter, Eziyah Ingram of Newark, NJ; his fiance, Sade Ingram of Newark, NJ; his parents, John (Geraldine) Ross of Newark, NJ and Michael Anthony Pittman of Lutz, FL, Carol Johnson of Newark, NJ, Kelvin Pittman of Stewartsville, NJ; three brothers, Kareem Ross of Bristol, PA, Matthew Stewart of Newark, NJ and Matthew Pittman of Lutz, FL; four sisters, Yvette (Donald) Carpenter of Willingboro, NJ, Latonya Ross of Burlington, NJ, Tina Johnson of Newark, NJ and Jessica Pittman of Lutz, FL; godmother, Patricia Breedlove of Newark, NJ; adopted sister, Sonya Thomas of Newark, NJ; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Minnie Pittman and his sister, Dyneekah Johnson.

# *Miss Me: But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,*

*Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,*

*A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*



## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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