

*HOMEGOING SERVICE
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
LOUIS SHAWN JOHNSON
November 5, 1974 - September 4, 2017*

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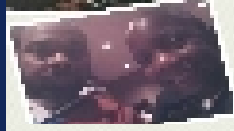
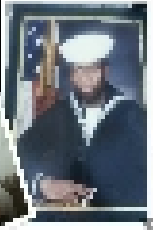
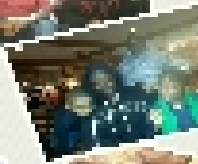
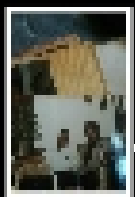
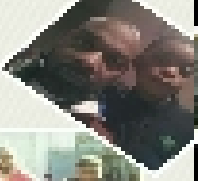
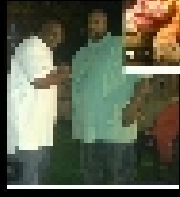
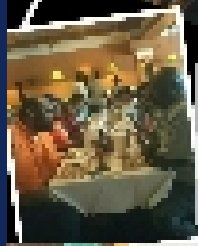
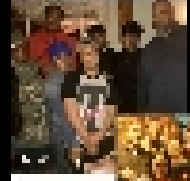
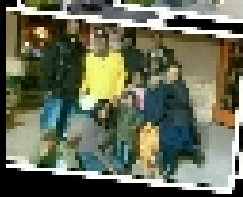
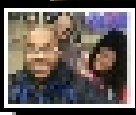
COWBOYS



Homegoing Service

Saturday, September 9, 2017 - 4:00 PM

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Stephanie White, Officiating



PHOTOGRAPH



Obituary

LOUIS SHAWN JOHNSON of Hillside NJ was born on November 5, 1974 in Newark NJ. Shawn, as he was called by his family and friends, was called home into eternal rest by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, September 4, 2017 at the age of 42 with his family and friends by his bedside. Shawn was devoted to his loved ones and readily available to those in need. It was that spirit of devotion along with his belief in God that gave him strength during his struggles and ultimately gave him comfort and peace.

Shawn accepted the Lord and was baptized earlier in life. After graduating from Malcolm X Shabazz High School, Shawn immediately fulfilled his dream of enlisting into the United States Navy to honorably serve his country. Shawn was employed by the TSA at Newark International Airport until he was unable to do so. However, it was Shawn's love of country and passion for people which carried on throughout his life affording him the opportunity to better the lives of many people who were privileged to know him. Shawn enthusiastically served as Commander of V.F.W. Post 1941 in Irvington NJ. He happily aided veterans in obtaining benefits due to them by directing them to the appropriate governmental agencies. He freely shared his knowledge with his fellow veterans and always did so with a smile on his face.

Shawn's passion for our youth was equal to his love for our veterans. He sponsored essay contests, school book bag giveaways and Christmas toy drives for community children. He freely gave to help those in need. He never wanted a child to go without and would give his last. Shawn's community activism launched the "Boys to Men" Mentoring program for young men. He provided meals to the homeless and neighborhood seniors, held fish fries, and community breakfasts. He was a pillar of the community and there will never be another like him. He loved to make people happy and for everyone to have a good time. Shawn had a way of making you feel special and as if you were the most important person in the world when you were with him.

Shawn was extremely close to his childhood friends and truthfully considered them to be more like brothers to him. Shawn was always with his boys and his boys were always at his side. They were always there for one another in both the good times and in the bad times. They honored their loyal friend and their lifetime

friendship by being at his side during his health battle and in the end even during his transition home. Shawn loved his boys but he really loved the Dallas Cowboys. That was his team and he was with them ride or die even while being in the enemy's camp. He was unapologetically one of "Dem Boyz" and everyone knew it.

Shawn will be terribly missed by his family. He had a tight bond with both of his parents. When his mother now thinks of him, the words "Love-Joy" instantly come to her mind. He was surrounded by love and joy and those very feelings poured from his heart. He showered his nephews Tyler and Taylor with love and affection. He treated them like his sons and loved spending time with them. He would often place playful bets with them when they played video games and he always won the bet! The life lessons that he instilled in them will be cherished forever and they will never hear his favorite song, "I Believe in You" by Johnny Taylor without seeing Uncle Shawn's smiling face and thinking of his unconditional love and unfailing support.

Shawn leaves to celebrate his life and to cherish his memory, his daughter Shawneeka and his son Quashawn; his loving mother and devoted father Robert and Cornelia Johnson; brothers Joseph (Lisa) Armstead, Robert (Kimberly) Hillard, Rodney (Stephanie) White, and Corey (Tammy) White; sisters Mary Blanton, Florence (Marvin) Osborne and Flohisha Johnson; his great aunt Nancy E. Brooks; his uncles Arthur Armstead and Johnny Armstead; his special cousin whom he considered a niece Lakeya Armstead; his best friend Nick Capers; a host of additional nieces and nephews, numerous cousins, extended family, friends and acquaintances.

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23: 42-43

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: Whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:8

Sorrowfully submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Opening Hymn “Goin’ Up Yonder”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament **Psalm 23** Nick Capers

New Testament..... **Matthew 25: 31-46** Tasha Brooks

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Louise Roundtree

Selection “A Change Is Gonna Come” Cicely Martin-Breedon

Words of Reflection.....(Two minutes please)

Tyler and Taylor Johnson

Jordan Johnson

Family and Friends

Selection Joshua Nelson

Acknowledgements/Resolutions Tonya Holland

Selection Joshua Nelson

“Notice of Change of Address” Brian Bilal

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 1941 Tribute

Remarks from the Family Joseph Armstead

Obituary Yolanda Armstead-Smith

Selection Joshua Nelson

Eulogy..... Pastor Stephanie White

Greater Kingdom Business, Hopewell, VA

Final Viewing “It’s So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday”

Recessional

INTERMENT

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery

350 Province Line Road, Wrightstown, NJ 08562

REPAST

Family and friends are invited to join us immediately following

service at Oriental Grand Lodge

37 Fulton Street, Newark, New Jersey

PALLBEARERS

James Anderson	Keith Anderson
Steve Bishop	Nick Capers
Mike Epps	Cameron Hudson
Reggie Jackson	Dwayne Miller

Goin' Up Yonder

(written by Walter Hawkins)

If you want to know
Where I'm going?
Where I'm going, soon

If anybody ask you
Where I'm going
Where I'm going soon

I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder
To be with my Lord

I can the pain
The heartaches they bring
The comfort in knowing
I'll soon be gone

As God gives me grace
I'll run this race
Until I see my Savior
Face to face

I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder
To be with my Lord

I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder
To be with my Lord

Thank You

Our family wishes to acknowledge and express our appreciation for all the acts of love, support and expressions of sympathy extended to us during this time. Thank you for your kind words, thoughtfulness and concern.

Your kindness will never be forgotten.

May God bless you in return.

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