

*Celebrating the Life  
Of*

*Richard Johnson*

Sunrise: April 17, 1944 - Sunset: October 9, 2017

**Service:**

Saturday, October 21, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

**Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating**

## Obituary



**Richard** Johnson was born in Palatka, Florida on April 17, 1944, to the late Mary L. and Edories Johnson. Richard departed this physical life and received his Heavenly Wings on October 09, 2017.

**Richard** received his education at Central Academy High School in Palatka, Florida. In early 1960's, Richard relocated to Newark, New Jersey with his family.

**Richard** acted out his life his life in stages there was never a dull moment.

**Richard** faced obstacles, stumbled and got a lot of bumps and bruises along the way, but he did not break. He was a very hardworking man he did what he had to do to take care of this family. He was employed at Arts Metal from 1963-1986, from there he went to Revlon from 1987-1990 until the company closed. Richard was also employed with American Strip Steel until, there he sustained an injury to his foot (1990-1997), which forced him to retire.

**Richard** was well known in the community, he always found time to help others, by providing transportation to those who needed it. His passion was always working with his hands, his special skills was mostly in repairing cars and building things. Richard had a loving and nurturing heart being the second child of seven children he took on the role helping his mother with the care of his younger siblings. His nurturing personality stayed with him as an adult. He provided for his children and assisted many other parents with the care of their children. Richard's heart was HUGE he believed that children should not want for anything and it showed in his children, they had the best of everything. Richard's family and friends loved him, his personality for infectious, that SMILE just pulled you right into his heart. He did not care about his feelings it was always someone else's feelings who was more important than his. He made you LAUGH when you wanted to cry and if you fed him you were his friend for life. Richard loved to eat, some of his favorite foods were fried chicken, mac and cheese, and most of all corn bread. But let's not forget his sweets tooth, he was a junk food junkie. The children in the family loved going to his house because they knew they would get a treat. Richard truly enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and watching a good Western movie. Richard was loved and will be truly missed.

**Richard** was preceded in death by his son, Richard Johnson, Jr., His parents Mary L. and Edories Johnson Sr., grandson Jerrell Lee and brothers, Anthony Johnson and Edories Johnson, Jr.; Aunt Rozzie Feaster and cousin Cecil Wright.

**Richard** was a very proud father and grandfather. He leaves to cherish his loving memories to his four daughter, Sarah (Julius) Foreman of Rocky Mount, NC; Regina (Augutus) Bryant of Newark, NJ; Constance Lynn of Newark, NJ; and Rachel (Andrew) Lynn of Newark, NJ; one son, Willie Lynn; two sisters, Henrietta (Courtney) Wright of Germantown, MD; and Harriet (Eugene) Johnson of Newark, NJ; two brothers Robert Brooks of Palatka, FL; and Wallace Johnson of Irvington, NJ; sixteen grandchildren, La'Tisha Lee, Jerry Lee; Laskia (Jasai) Lynn; Kawuan Lynn, Kanethia King, Taneasia Robinson, Micayla and Andrea Thorbourne; Malilk, Peter, Naeem, Darrand, Virgil and Taaliq Kearney; two brothers-in-law, Eugene (Harriet) Johnson and Courtney (Henrietta) Wright; eight great grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Minster and Family

Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Obituary/Acknowledgement

Solo

Poem

Eulogy

Rev. Edward Allen

Funeral Director's Brief

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

## *Our Father's Smile*

Your smile is gone forever,  
And your hands we cannot touch  
Each one of us have so many memories  
Of our father we love so much.  
A friendship he shared with each one of us.  
Your memories is our keepsake  
which we will never part.  
You just went to your Heavenly Home  
where God has set you Free  
GOD has you in his keeping  
Where there's No more doctors,  
No more taking pills, No more pain,  
No more heartaches  
Now our Father have his wings he can smile and fly by and by  
We will have you in our hearts.  
It is going to be hard not to hear that laugh or to see that smile again  
Your death left us heart broken and it's going to be hard to heal  
But we know you haven't really left us  
you're closer to us than we would ever know.  
We will see your smile again someday.



Your loving daughters  
Sarah, Regina, Connie, and Rachel

**Pall Bearers**  
Family

**Floral Girls**  
Family

## *Acknowledgement*

We would like to Thanks each of you for your comforting prayers, visits, and generous acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

The Family

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