

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LAWRENCE JUNIOR JOHNSON



Sunrise:
July 21, 1954

Sunset:
April 13, 2022

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022 - 1:00 P.M.

North Reformed

510 Broad Street • Newark, New Jersey



OBITUARY

Lawrence Junior Johnson (also known as Wigg, Larry, or LJ) was born on July 21, 1954, to parents Lawrence Johnson Sr and Sarah Exum in Halifax County, Virginia (both deceased). Lawrence was known as "Wig" by his family and friends when he was growing up in South Rocky Mount, N.C. When he was a small child, Augustus and Ella Mae Wiggins adopted him and gave him their last name. In May of 1973, he married Shirley M. Smith of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and the couple produced two children: LeTrice U. Johnson and Lawrence Jay Johnson Jr. (deceased). Wig graduated from Rocky Mount Senior High School in 1974. Larry would frequently recount the events of his wedding day, joking that both of their surnames had been changed. From Smith to Johnson for Shirley, and from Wiggins to Johnson for him.

Larry was passionate about a variety of things, including sports, politics, music, and history. He experienced polio as a child and was unable to participate in physical sports as a result of his condition. He was, nevertheless, a sports fan, with the Pittsburgh Steelers as his favorite NFL team and the University of North Carolina Tarheels as his favorite university team. Larry earned an Associate of Arts in Culinary Arts from Edgecombe Community College.

Larry's marriage ended in 1975, and he went on to have two more children, Tiffany Odom Oloko (Mother -Renee Odom-Thompson) and Michael Taylor(Mother Deceased). Larry embraced the nomad life as a young guy and was a free spirit, living in numerous states along the east coast. He lived in Newark, New Jersey for the last two decades of his life. Larry was a long-time member and Elder of the North Reform Church. He also spent 15 years as a judge on the Essex County Board of Elections in the Central Ward of Newark, NJ, where he valued his work and took it very seriously when it came to supporting the seniors of Newark.

Larry is survived by 3 children one deceased (Lawrence Jay Johnson Jr.) 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren. LeTrice U Johnson-Henderson-Pettiford: Grandchild Terrell M Henderson. Lawrence Johnson Jr. (Deceased) Grandchildren: Doricka Johnson, Brealle Gary and Jaya McDowell. Great Grandchildren: Levi and Layla Johnson. Tiffany Oloko: Grandchildren: Xavier Oloko and Korede Oloko. Michael Taylor: Grand children: Michelle Muse Taylor and Miquel RaQuan Cotton Great Grandchildren: Michael Taylor Jr and Zayden Kyrie Cotton. Larry has 3 living siblings and two deceased. Linda Davis, Darnell Garrett, and Mary Garrett, Issac Lee Garret III (Deceased), Rita Garrett (Deceased) Loved ones and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude/Pre-service Music

VOTUM /SENTENCES

SALUTATION

HYMN #335 ‘What a Friend We Have in Jesus’(Pilgrim Hymnal)

STATEMENT of PURPOSE/CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER FOR COMFORT & ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READINGS:

- Psalm 23
- Psalm 39:4-7, 12a

Song.....The Battle is not Yours

OLD TESTAMENT READING–Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

EPISTLE LESSON –I Thessalonians 4:13-18

SONG: ‘ Amazing Grace Shall Always Be My Song of Praise - Everything Must Change’

EULOGYRead by Cheryl Jackson

SPECIAL MUSIC

MEDITATION: John 11:20-27; 14:1-6.....Pastor Claudette A. Reid

REMEMBRANCES:

SONG

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING for LAWRENCE’S LIFE

CLOSING PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

COMMENDATION

HYMN- ‘Soon & Very Soon’

CREMATION
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

My Daddy

*They say there is a reason, They say time will heal
Neither time or reason, Will change the way I feel.*

*Gone are the days, We use to share,
But in my heart you are always there
The gates of memories will never close*

I will miss you

More than anybody knows

I Love you and will miss you everyday

Your Beautiful.....



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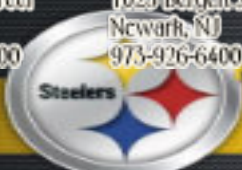
The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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