



THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**DAVID ALLEN JOHNSON**

Sunrise: August 3, 1959 - Sunset: June 27, 2022



Friday, July 15, 2022 - 12pm

**Canaan Baptist Church**  
132 W. 116th Street, New York, NY 10026



# OBITUARY

**David** was born in New York City on August 3rd, 1959, to Reverend Charles Walter Johnson, Sr. and Ruth Mae (Ethridge) Johnson. He was the youngest of nine children: Diane, Elaine, Brenda, Linda, Carolyn, Lenore, Enez, Charles Jr. and David.

David was raised in a God fearing and loving home where he was taught at a young age that God is the only way. He continued to seek the true and living God throughout his lifetime. He was a self-led, self-motivated, and self-taught entrepreneur and man of many trades. He never gave up on discovering new and innovative ways to benefit himself or his family. David once said, "I love meditating on the roof because I can see heaven better."

As David matured, he became the brother that was always present in his sisters' lives. He loved to sing with his family. Although he wouldn't rehearse, his voice would somehow always blend in with his siblings. He will be terribly missed by The Johnson Singers.

David fathered nine children and he loved them unconditionally: Althea, Davon, Jason, Courtney, Amina, Tyrque, Davina, Aquasia and Dion.

David will be remembered as the father that took pride in finishing the job that most men would quit. His children voiced their sentiments about their father. They tribute him as being a Fierce Leader, Teacher, and Hero. Some called him a Preacher, Doctor, Fitness Trainer, Nutritionist, Barber, Hair Stylist, Plumber, Vocal Coach, Choir Director, Producer, Philosopher, Disciplinary, Life Coach and Therapist. Before hanging up the phone or departing he would always remind his children and grandchildren that "The World is Waiting."

He loved his family and was always present for family functions and events where he would greet everyone with a smile and the biggest Bear Hug. Those who knew him knew to hold on to hats or wigs because that hug was guaranteed to be long, hard, and full of love. We will ALL miss that bright smile and those infectious hugs.

David believed Psalm 139:23-24 which says, "*Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.*"

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Aquasia Johnson; father, Charles Johnson, Sr.; mother, Ruth Johnson; and sister, Carolyn (Johnson) Bradley.

He leaves to cherish his memory: eight children; twelve grandchildren and three more grandchildren arriving later this year; two great-grandchildren; two sons-in-law; six sisters; one brother; one sister-in-law and one brother-in-law; sixty-four nieces; seventy nephews; and a host of cousins, family and friends.

"That man is a success-who has lived well, laughed often and loved much, who has gained respect of intelligent men and the love of children, who has filled his niche and accomplished his task, who leaves the world better than he found it, who has never lacked appreciation of earths beauty or failed to express it, who looked for the best in others and gave the best that he had."

Respectfully Submitted by: The Johnson Family

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....	Family and Loved Ones
Prayer & Scripture.....	Pastor Barbara Pierce
Words of Inspiration.....	Aaron Guzman Ronald Rose
Selection.....	Kevin Wade
Obituary.....	Arkenya Arzuaga
Acknowledgements.....	Diane Guzman
Praise Dance.....	Amina Johnson
Memory Lane.....	Charles Johnson Althea Dortch Tyrque Johnson
Musical Selection.....	Kevin Wade
Memory Lane.....	Addonica Robinson Arkenya Arzuaga Davina Johnson
Selection.....	Linda Johnson
Eulogy.....	Pastor John Arzuaga
Final Viewing.....	The Johnson Singers

**FINAL DISPOSITION:**

Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York

# I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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