

Celebrating the Life of
Rudolph A. Johnson

June 9, 1949 - July 14, 2022



Thursday, July 28, 2022
Viewing: 12pm to 2pm
Service: 2pm to 3pm

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Rev. Terrance L. Kennedy, Officiating

Obituary

Rudolph Alberick (Rudy) Johnson, the youngest son of the late Patrick Johnson, Sr. and Bernice (Simmonds) Johnson, was born in New York City on June 9th, 1949. His Christian Rites were at St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in Harlem. He graduated from Central Commercial High School in 1967. In 1969, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he served in the Vietnam War and was a member of a signal corp. He was honorably discharged in 1971.

After Rudy served in the military, a few years later, he worked as a case supervisor for the New York State Department of Disability Services. Due to his medical challenges, including his many years of dialysis, Rudy ultimately retired from the New York State Department of Disability Services in 2003.

Rudy had his firstborn, Kimberly Ann in 1975 from his first marriage. Rudy and Joyce Brown had one daughter, Niquelle Elyse and his step-daughter, Kyshawnda LeGree, whom they raised together. Rudy and Joyce remained married for 36 years.

Rudy was an avid NY Yankee fan and a lover of Motown and jazz music. He loved to watch TV shows such as Martin, Sanford & Son, The Andy Griffith Show, and old black & white movies.

Rudy was an excellent photographer. He went to Germain School of Photography, where he learned not only to take amazing photographs, but he frequently developed pictures as well. He was hired as a professional photographer for weddings and was always known as the family photographer!

Rudy succumbed to kidney failure on July 14th, 2022, in Jacksonville, Florida, where he and his wife resided. She remained at his side throughout his major health battles, which spanned for decades; in which his soldier spirit rarely complained.

Rudolph is survived by his wife; three daughters, Kimberly (Barbara), Niquelle, and Kyshawnda; siblings, Joan, Lois, Patrick, and Gail; in-laws, Waymon, George, Theresa, Arthur, Gordon, and Edward; son-in-law, Michael; daughter-in-law, Samantha; grandson, Derrick; and great grand, Ava; aunts, Helen, Margarita, and Aleatha; many nieces and nephews; and a host of cousins and friends who will miss him dearly.

“To everything, there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which has been planted.” - Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Reverend Terrance L. Kennedy

Invocation.....Reverend Terrance L. Kennedy

Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Song Selections “Stand”.....Anthony Morgan

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”.....Reverend Terrance L. Kennedy

Prayers of Comfort.....Reverend Terrance L. Kennedy

Family Tribute (2 Mins Each).....Kimberly (Daughter)

Niquelle (Daughter)

Mike (Son-in-law)

Rudy's siblings

Obituary.....Craig Goodman

Eulogy.....Reverend Terrance L. Kennedy

Committal

Benediction

INTERMENT

Calverton National Cemetery
210 Princeton Boulevard
Calverton, NY 11933

Because The Angels Came

No more grief or sorrow,
no more suffering or
pain, now there is everlasting
peace because the angels came.

Only God knows what is
best and He gently holds my hand . Guiding
me to a better place because the angels came.

When the sun rises tomorrow and I answer
not my name, Please don't cry

Rejoice with me because
the angels came. I now can
rest in peace as I never could before.

answered the gentle knock
of the angels at my
door. So please don't mourn
for me as new
wings I now claim, I can take my flight to
heaven because the angels came.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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