

IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF



# BENJAMIN JOHNSON

SUNRISE: FEBRUARY 11, 1950  
SUNSET: SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022 -11:00 AM

**St. Pauls Life Center**

355 Badger Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

# OBITUARY

Benjamin Johnson, aka “Broadway Benny” was born February 11, 1950 to Julia Ashley and Charles Johnson in St. Petersburg Florida.

Broadway was a talented individual known for his unusual athletic feats, gymnastic skills, artistic ability, and love for music. He worked various jobs throughout his years and was excellent at them all; from truck driving to masonry to working in a butcher shop. He had a keen eye for fashion and was a sharp dresser. Ben was a kind and generous man willing to help anyone who was in need. He was an epic story teller who kept you in stitches all night!

He was preceded in death by his parents Julia Ashley and Charles Johnson, his brothers Eldridge Ashley and Van Johnson, and his beloved granddaughter Troi Anise Foster. He leaves to cherish his memory sons Benjamin Foster, Maurice (Leslie) Foster, Lawrence Johnson, Charles Johnson, and Van Johnson; his siblings, Yvonne Scott, Roxanne Scott, Fletcher Scott Jr. and Wallace Scott. His grandchildren Taylor Rawls, Brionna Foster, Benjamin Foster Jr., Tyrell Foster, Algernon Johnson, Deion Johnson, Beloved Johnson, and Journie Thomas, his great grandchildren Ethan and Evan Bailey; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

# 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

*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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