

A Celebration of Life
for
Mr. Luther James Johnson

Sunrise
December 19, 1933

Sunset
August 31, 2003



Thursday, September 4, 2003
One O'Clock in the Afternoon

Beaverdam Baptist Church
Enoree, South Carolina

Reverend O. T. Hill, Pastor

Life Profile



All the questions will be answered, loving Father, when I take my place in heaven to praise You.

For we know that when this tent we live in now is taken down - when we die and leave these bodies - we will have wonderful new bodies in heaven, homes that will be ours forevermore, made for us by God himself and not by human hands.

2 Corinthians 5:1 (TLB)

...Many of the mysteries of God - the heartaches, trials, disappointments, tragedies, and the silence of God in the midst of suffering - will be revealed in heaven.

Billy Graham

Mr. Luther James Johnson was born on December 19, 1933 in Laurens County, South Carolina to the late Mr. James Johnson and Mrs. Lucille Massey Johnson. He departed this life on August 31, 2003. Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by two sisters, Annie R. Johnson and Minnie Johnson Hunter and one brother, R. H. Johnson.

He joined the Beaverdam Baptist Church at an early age. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Young's Delights Gospel Choir and the Beaverdam All-Male Chorus. He sang tenor, bass and baritone for the Silver Trumpets Quartet for forty-eight years. Mr. Johnson served on the Missionary Club at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and sang with the Mount Pleasant All-Male Chorus, the Gospel Messengers. He was also a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Mr. Johnson was employed with the Dresser Industries for thirty-three years with perfect attendance.

He leaves to cherish his loving and kindred spirit: his wife of forty-three years, Mrs. Shirley Ann Fuller Johnson of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Wanda (Frank) Stokes and Mrs. Angela (Keith) Wilborn, both of Woodruff, South Carolina, and Mrs. Marlene (Jeffery) Ballenger of Greer, South Carolina; two sons, Mr. Darrell Luther Johnson of Augusta, Georgia and Mr. Cladge Fitzgerald Johnson of Woodruff, South Carolina; one sister, Mrs. Louise (Ray) Smith of Greenville, South Carolina; two brothers, Mr. Aaron Johnson of Woodruff, South Carolina and Mr. John L. (Crucilla) Johnson of Greenville, South Carolina; nine grandchildren, Brittney Ballenger, Emily Stokes, Kia Johnson, Nahla Johnson, Essence Ballenger, Lelia Stokes, Aleda Wilborn, Allysa Johnson and Chelsea Ballenger; one grandson, Zion Wilborn and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Reverend Andy Young, Presiding

- Prelude Musician
- Processional The Family
- Selection Beaverdam Combined All-Male Chorus
Move in the Room
- Scripture Reading
The Old Testament Reverend Deborah Williams
The New Testament Reverend James Gray
- Prayer Reverend Patrick Suber
- Solo Ms. Jeraldine Fuller Mack
- Church Resolution/Acknowledgments Ms. Linda P. Goode
- Remarks Mr. Jack Browning
Mr. Joe Shelton
Mr. Paul Gilliam
Mrs. Wanda Stokes
Family Tribute
- Selection The Silver Trumpets
- Words of Inspiration Reverend O. T. Hill
- Song Beaverdam Combined All-Male Chorus
Living Testimony
- Recessional The Family

Committal, Burial and Interment

Beaverdam Baptist Church Cemetery
Enoree, South Carolina

- Fellowship Beaverdam Baptist Church Social Hall

Honorary Floral Bearers

Nieces

Floral Bearers

Deaconesses and Trustees' Wives

Honorary Casket Bearers

Nephews

Casket Bearers

Deacons, Trustees and Mr. Ben Edmonds



Note of Thanks

All members of the Johnson Family express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends for every expression of kindness shown during our time of bereavement of our loved one. May God bless each and everyone of you.

The Johnson Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

The W. J. Gist Mortuary

519 Workman Avenue - Woodruff, South Carolina
Telephone 475-3411 or 476-6238

Alexander, Casey & Gist Funeral Service
1223 Old Anderson Mill Road - Spartanburg, South Carolina
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