PALLBEARERS

Jerry Johnson Billy Johnson Patrick Johnson

Terry Johnson Joe Alvin Johnson Terrance Griffin



FLOWER BEARERS

Friends Of The Family



Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, that any friends could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.
Sincerely,
The Family

" The Living Memorial"

A tree will be planed in a National forest as a Living Memorial to Earnest C. Johnson. The service is offered by Cooley's Mortuary, Inc. through Batesville Casket Co. The U.S. Forest Service and Intario Canada's Grand Valley Conservation Foundation.

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Homegoing Celebration in Honor of



Mr. Earnest C. Johnson, Sr.

Sunrise: July 28, 1923 Sunset: March 12, 2004



Service: Friday, March 19, 2004 2:00 P.M.

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Batesville, MS

Rev. Zannie Leland, Jr. Officiating Pastor



EARNEST C. JOHNSON, SR. was born July 28, 1923, to Frank Johnson, Sr. and Alma Love - Johnson.

He accepted Christ at an early age and fellowshipped with the Macedonia M.B. Church.

Earnest retired from Monteith Farms of Batesville, MS. He was a caring man, and sincerely loved his family. God gently called Earnest home, from labor to reward. He departed this life peacefully at home on March 12, 2004.

He leaves to cherish many unforgetable memories, with his loving wife of fifty years, Mattie; five sons, Eugene of Portland, OR, Earnest Jr. (Annetta) and James Richard both of Bateville, MS, in which two of his sons, Robert and Cornelius (preceded him in death); one daughter Dorothy of Detroit, MI; two brothers George (Alberta) of Illinois, and Tilmus "TJ" of Metairie, LO; one sister-in-law, Carrie of Batesville, MS; eight grandchildren Keith, Jefferey, Dittrich, Angela, April, Ernest L., Koreanna, and Jaclara; ten greatgrandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends, whom will truly miss his presence.



And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelations 21:4

Order Of Service





Processional
Selection Choir
Scripture Rev. Leland
Prayer
Selection Choir
Obituary / Acknowledgements
Remarks
Solo Lucy Johnson
Eulogy Rev. Leland
Funeral Director in Charge
Recessional

O Lord we have lived this day to bury the one we love. Our gratitude is as full as our grief, and our peace is as deep as our pain, all because of You. We need You as never before. Shepherd our soul through these dry and heavy days. You send us to earth for a season, and the You receive us again unto Yourself. We understand this cycle, but we weren't ready to let go of this one as we thought we would be. All our life we've known someday this would happen, but the finality and reality of it are piercing. One thing we know, that death cannot kill love and human hands can't bury it. On this, my loved one's resurrection day, we give you praise for a life lived well.

Wife and Children

We will miss your hugs, and smiling face each time we come to visit. We will miss the trips to McDonald's, and all the times we laughed and played. We know that you and the angels are watching us from heaven above. We will miss you.

Love, CJ & Lexi

EARNEST