



William R. Johnson Jr.

August 1, 1959 - January 18, 2020

The Legacy

William R. Johnson, Jr., affectionately known as "Jimmy" was born on August 1, 1959 in Richmond, VA. He was the firstborn and only son of Deacon William R. and Deaconess Annie E. Johnson. He passed from this life into eternal glory on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

Jimmy was educated in Richmond Public Schools. While attending Huguenot High School, he participated in the marching band as a drummer with the drum line. Jimmy also was a member of the track and field team. He was given the name "Horse" because of his powerful speed and would often run barefoot with the command of "horse power". He was also known for his love of Kung Fu and was trained in Martial Arts and ranked as a 3rd degree black belt. He would often proudly wear his martial arts attire and display his Kung Fu skills with nunchucks. he acquired a large following of friends and taught them in the discipline.

Jimmy was last employed with McLean's Restaurant for 14 years, where he was a diligent dependable, and loved worker.

At a very early age, Jimmy developed a love for the drums. As a boy he would often bang on his mother's pots and pans until his father purchased his first drum set which was royal blue (his favorite color). Jimmy had a special gift and anointing for playing the drums and became well known all over the East Coast. Jimmy played for big names in secular arenas, churches, the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Salt of the Earth Men's Choir and most notably, the Johnson Family Choir. He was a great talent and used his gift to teach many others who have gone on to be professional drummers.

Jimmy was a faithful and dedicated member of 21st Street Church of God. Under the leadership of pastor Irnishel P. Drew, he was encouraged to use his gift as the first drummer in the church's history. Jimmy would play so earnestly that the power of the Holy Spirit would often overtake him in joy; he would yell out and shake, never missing a beat while playing. Jimmy was a man who truly loved the Lord with all of his heart and soul. He could talk about the goodness of the Lord for hours and would get excited and "happy" while thinking of His goodness. His favorite scripture was Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you".

Jimmy is preceded in death by his sister Essie Colleen Henry. Jimmy leaves behind to cherish his most precious memories, his wife LaTisha Hudson Johnson; daughters, Christina and Angel Johnson; stepsons, Raymond C. Hudson, Sr. (Mercy) and Thomas Hardy; granddaughters, Ava and Aubrey Johnson; beloved parents, Deacon William, Sr. and Deaconess Annie E. Johnson; sisters, Crystal Atkins (Julius), Sherry Dowling (Dallas), Virginia Johnson Stephens, Gloria Ann Hansom and Barbara Ann Rogers; one sister-in-law, Hope Roane (Theodore), four brothers-in-law, Andre, Scott (Debbie), Jon (Towanda), Robbie; five aunts, Louse Stephenson (Hubert), Mae Gatling of Pendleton, N.C., Tillie Riddick, Barbara Jean Johnson and Dr. Margaret Brown; three uncles, Rev. Dr. L.A. Johnson, Jr., Robert Wright, and Dr. V.M. Johnson (Evelyn); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Cemetery

Oakwood Cemetery
3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA, 23223

Events

JAN 24 Visitation 09:00AM - 08:00PM
March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA, US, 23222

JAN 25 Celebration of Life 11:00AM
21st Street Church of God
1601 N. 21st Street, Richmond, VA, US, 23223

Comments



“ TO,,THE LOVELY FAMILY, THAT MY FAMILY HAS KNOWN FOR A MANY YEAR,MAY GOD GIVE YOU STRENGTH, TO KEEP ALL HIS MEMORIES ALIVE ,,AN 4,YOU TO KNO THAT I REALLY WILL MIS ,SEEING MY GREAT BUDDY,,,,AN HEARING HIS GREAT BEATS THAT REALLY WANTED TO MAKE ME GET UP AN JAM ON SUNDAY MORNING, BUT I HAD TO KEEP IT IN FOCUS. GOD BLESS YOU ALL
frederick& JACKIE GREEN

Frederick D.Green Sr. - January 24 at 09:15 AM



“ To The Family Of Mr. William R. Johnson Jr! You have my deepest sympathy in the homegoing of your love one. May God keep and console you during this sad time in your life. Always Remember the good times you had with him on earth. "Love Never Dies! He will remain in your hearts forever."
With Love
Nancy Broadie



Nancy Broadie - January 23 at 01:47 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - January 21 at 01:33 PM