



## Absenia Johnson, Sr.

June 25, 1927 - January 16, 2011

### Obituary

Absenia Johnson, Sr. was born on June 25, 1927 to John Henry and Nora Clark Johnson, in Scotland Neck, North Carolina. He was married to the late Mary J. Braswell Johnson in Richmond, Virginia, and from this union four children were born. He received his education from Dawson Elementary School in Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Mary Jane Braswell Johnson, siblings (Larah Johnson, William Johnson, Queen Victoria Whithead, Rose Ester Dobbins, Carrie Johnson, Helen Whitaker, Louvenia Hines Smyre, Amos Johnson, James Melvin Johnson and his parents.

Big Al, as he was affectionately known was introduced to Christ at an early age and was baptized at Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Scotland Neck, North Carolina. He later moved his membership to the 31st Street Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia where he served as a faithful member on the Usher Board.

Big Al started his career with Nolde's Bakery Company, and then continued his employment at Reynolds Meadows and Carter Printing Company where he retired. In his spare time, Big Al transported individuals to their doctor's appointments and provided lawn care services. His hobbies included

gardening,traveling,and socializing with friends and family.

Absenia Johnson,Sr.,entered eternal rest at home in Richmond,Va. on January 16,2011,following a short period of illness. He leaves to cherish his memories,a brother,Joe Henry Johnson of New Jersey;five sons,Absenia Johnson,Jr.(Carnetta) of Waldorf,MD,Sylvester Blake Johnson,Milton Darnell Johnson,Sr.(Velena)of Martinsville,VA,Frank Marcel Johnson(Cheryl)of Atlanta,GA. and Kevin Lamont Stallings(Ursuala)of Richmond,VA;a special niece,Ellen Johnson. He also leaves 16 great- grandchildren,a host of nieces,nephews,cousins and friends;especially well loved by the family,Florence Sowell,and long time friend,Vivian Stallings.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 21. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

JAN 21. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

31st Street Baptist Church  
823 North 31st Street  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Tribute Wall



“ Absenia Johnson, Sr.

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



Tamara Johnson

“ Will miss you POP!



Tamara Johnson - January 21, 2011 at 01:38 PM



“ Shelia Johnson-Warren lit a candle in memory of Absenia Johnson, Sr.



Shelia Johnson-Warren - January 21, 2011 at 12:05 PM



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“ Bridgett Watson lit a candle in memory of Absenia Johnson, Sr.



Bridgett Watson - January 20, 2011 at 08:50 PM

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“ *Cousin Absenia was a wonderful person, a joy to be around, no one was a stranger to him. He loved his family, could count on him being to a family event with a smile. Cousin Absenia loved to dress and could dress. HE enjoyed life and enjoyed people.*

*Cousin Gloria of Hampton, VA.*

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**Gloria Turner** - January 19, 2011 at 10:29 PM

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“ *Gloria Turner lit a candle in memory of Absenia Johnson, Sr.*



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**Gloria Turner** - January 19, 2011 at 10:05 PM

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“ *Gloria Turner lit a candle in memory of Absenia Johnson, Sr.*



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**Gloria Turner** - January 19, 2011 at 10:03 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - January 18, 2011 at 12:44 PM