



## George . Johnson Sr.

November 1, 1936 - November 24, 2019

GEORGE IRVIN JOHNSON SR, affectionately known as "GI", was born on November 1, 1936 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Calvert and Lillian Johnson, G I departed this life on Sunday November 24, 2019 at Stella Maris Hospice. G I was Educated in the public schools of Baltimore City He extended his education by pursuing studies in Labor, History, and Union courses at Penn State University. On December 13, 1956, he married Ernestine C. Booker in Baltimore, Maryland, and from that union they had five children . G I was a loyal and steadfast employee of the Commission on Aging, where he served as Commissioner from 2013 until his passing. His knowledge of the city, and his willingness to speak up for people in the Community were invaluable to both the commission and staff of the division of Aging and Care Service, G I retired as Union Coordinator from the Bethlehem Steel, Sparrows Point, Maryland facility after 43 years of service. During his years of employment with Bethlehem Steel, he was constantly making a difference for fellow workers. He served as a member of Steelworker Union for over 43 years During that time, he represented the union in many capacities; Chairman of Grievance committee for 18 years; Delegate for AFL-CIO and member of Baltimore Urban League Unemployment Department Advisory Board. G I has been involved in the NAACP since his youth in 1998, he was elected and served as President of the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP; He is fully paid as a Golden Heritage Member of NAACP, served as both Chairman of Labor Industry Committee, Vice President and later to become President of

the NAACP Baltimore Branch for five terms. In this capacity as President he upheld his motto, "Youth, Church & Community" which involved a strong concentration on developing partnerships, hosting several membership and voter registration drives. G I also served on the Baltimore City Housing Resident Advocacy Committee where he extended his Community service to helping others. GI preceded in death by his son, Irvin G. Johnson, Jr. and two sisters and three brothers. He leaves to cherish in his memory: his wife, Ernestine C. Johnson; daughter, Ernestine Loretta Lomax-Green; son, Zebedee Johnson; Two sisters, Carolyn Cole and Danielle Distance; two brothers-in-law, Richard Cole, Sr and Reginald Distance Sr.; seven grandchildren, Jamal Cox-Johnson, Irvin G. Johnson III, Kwame Johnson, Latrice Lomax, Zenobia C. Johnson, Jennifer Green, Dirk Harper; twelve great-grandchildren, Elijah Shepperson, Ethan Shepperson, Ezariah Shepperson, Jazelle Gunn, Zeniyah Thomas, Jamie Cox, Paris Jade Taylor, Jamal Blaze Cox Johnson, Rayna Carmen Cox-Johnson, Gary Scarry, Haley Woodhouse and Harper Woodhouse; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244  
(410) 944-8300  
info@kingmemorialpark.com  
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 1. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home East-Wake  
1101 E. North Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Family Hour

DEC 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

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DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Israel Baptist Church of Baltimore City  
1200 N. Washington Street  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

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DEC 2. 11:00 AM.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *George . Johnson Sr.*

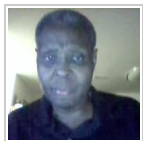
October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *On behalf of the Baltimore City League of Women Voters, we offer our condolences to the family of G.I.Johnson. We miss his thoughtful contributions at our board meetings. He could lighten the mood of a discussion, however serious the issue. We depended on G.I. to deliver our Voter Guides to senior citizens and others. He made an indelible impression on Baltimore City leaders and supported the Enoch Pratt Library and many other organizations.*

*Flo Valentine and Nancy Lawler, Co-Presidents*

**Nancy Lawler** - December 21, 2019 at 05:39 PM



“ *It was pleasure to know and become friends of with a man of stature such G.I .Johnson .He spoke with passion about issues for a time was a leader of his people serving them with dignity .*

*Rev. Cameron Augustus Carter*

**Cameron Carter** - December 02, 2019 at 04:15 PM



*I was so shocked to hear of G I passing very good man a class act work with him during the NAACP Convention here many years ago a man of God .God is able family.Sherry Melton*

**Sherry melton** - December 02, 2019 at 08:26 PM

MS

“ I will miss your words of wisdom and our friendship. Your mentoring help me through some life journeys. Rest in paradise my friend. My condolences and prayers go out to the family.

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**Michael Stinson** - December 01, 2019 at 06:46 PM

LH

“ I send my deepest sympathy to the family of G.I. Johnson. I know he was involved in many worthwhile activities, but those of us in the League of Women Voters of Baltimore City particularly appreciated his distribution of thousands of our Guide to Elected Officials and Voters' Guides to senior citizens and other groups.

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**Lois Hybl** - November 30, 2019 at 03:38 PM

LC

“ To the family. I would like to share my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear love one. " When someone you love becomes a memory that memory becomes a treasure may that treasure fill your heart with love and bring you peace. " ( Rev.21:4). My thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.

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**Lucy culbertson** - November 30, 2019 at 12:57 PM

SL

“ To the family,

*It is a great lost to the labor world as a whole. G I Johnson was a strong warrior in the fight for equal pay, better working conditions and benefits for the people. He loved the union and he lived the union. My heart is saddened to hear of his passing. As Thanksgiving nears, I thank God for allowing his path and mine to cross over the years. Praying comfort and strength during this time.*

*Susie D. Lang  
Communications of America (CWA) Local 2101*

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**susie D. Lang** - November 27, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ 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** - November 26, 2019 at 04:11 PM