



James Johnson

October 24, 1917 - November 19, 2005

A TIME TO BE BORN: James Johnson (aka “Hots”) was born to the late Rev. Dr. Samuel Johnson and Anna Carson. He was the 6th of 10 children born October 24, 1917 in Orangeburg, South Carolina.**A TIME TO LEARN:** James was educated in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania school system. He graduated from Simon Gratz High School. He was the first African-American to graduate from the Army Air Engineering Program.**A TIME TO LOVE:** James married the love of his life, Barbara. After retirement, they moved to Richmond, Virginia.**A TIME TO SERVE:** James served in World War II as a Master Sergeant in the Army/Air Corp, which is now the US Air Force. In 1956, he became an Entrepreneur when he opened his own auto service gas station called, Johnson and Edward Mobil Gas and Service Station. He worked at the Philadelphia Naval Ship Yard as a master mechanic until his retirement. He then went to work for the City of Philadelphia at the Philadelphia International Airport where he also retired. He was a boxer in the military known as “Honest John”. He also played professional basketball with the Chicago Grizzly, which is now known as the Harlem Globe Trotters. Hots was the son of a Baptist Minister who was the Pastor of Turkey Branch Baptist Church in South Carolina. After relocating to Philadelphia, he studied Catholicism. When he came to Richmond, he accepted Christ as his personal saviour and received the Holy Spirit at the Living Waters Ministry under the Leadership of Dr. Robert Bradley.**TIME TO MOURN:** James leaves a legacy of love from all those who knew him. His loving and devoted wife, Barbara; six children,

William Johnson of Wyoming, Bruce Johnson of Philadelphia, Beverly (Nate) Cook of Richmond, Ethel (Ron) Coleman of New Jersey, Brian (Faye) Johnson of Richmond and Gaye (Greg) Bradby of Richmond; eleven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; brother, Samuel Johnson of Philadelphia; sister, Evelyn Thomas of Jamaica, New York; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

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“ James Johnson

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“ Sorry for your lost, I love you, and you are in my payers.##imported-begin##Tracey Coleman##imported-end##

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“ Ethel, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will be here for you as you have been for me.##imported-begin##Karen Olsen##imported-end##

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“ May God be with you all,I send to you my deepest regrets, you will be in my prayers. Love Van and family##imported-begin##Vanessa Ingram##imported-end##

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“ Poppop we love you and will miss you very much you would be so proud of us right now but you can really see us now!!!! You have all toughed us right from wrong and stayed with me and my children even thoughts that may not remember you. But morals came from you and Mommom, and that will stick with me forever and I can share that with my children. I love you and I will see you again. Love Moe.##imported-begin##Green & Thomas Family##imported-end##

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“ Poppop I love you. You always shown me unconditional love,you were always there for me. You have taught me things that I have carried on in my adult life, having a grandfather like you, a strong black man,a God fearing man is the reason I have the husband that I have today watching you as I grew up. I thank you for the love and support you will be greatly missed and I know my life will never be the same, until we meet again I love you Poppop, love Tonya(TOE)###imported-begin###Patterson Family###imported-end##

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“ Poppop I miss you so much. We all do I just wanted to tell you that I love you more than anything in this world but I do. You were always my favorite great-grandfather###imported-begin###Talea###imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to the family. This was not Almighty God purpose for life to end up this way. However, He has made a way out for us to see our beloved ones again. His son Christ Jesus said at John 11:25 that he is "...the resurrection and the life. He that exercise faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life". I hope this will comfort you all as it did me during my time of bereavement.###imported-begin###V Adams###imported-end##

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“ To Mom Mom, My love and prayers are with you always. Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord always, and lean not to thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him. And he will direct thy path.
Umpy.##imported-begin##Priscilla Coleman##imported-end##

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“ ISAIAH 41:23 and 1 Cor. 15:54. Dad was an excellent father and I will miss him. I am comforted in knowing that dad is with Jesus and that our family will see dad on the other side of Jordan. May ALL who remain continue to press on for the kingdom. May God be Glorified. Hugs in Christ.##imported-begin##Billy##imported-end##

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“ We had the greatest DAD in the World. What a blessing from GOD. He has left us a Legacy and a lifetime of memories. To God Be the Glory for Great things has had done.Psalm 103 Blessed the LORD O my soul; and all that is within me, bless HIS holy name. We will have a homegoing Celebration on Monday.##imported-begin##Ethel##imported-end##

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“ We come this far by faith leaning on the the arm of God, trusting in his holy word.Johnson Family continue to keep looking up to God he is your strength in the time of trouble.May God continue to Bless each and every one in his care. We love you The Moore family.##imported-begin##Moore Family##imported-end##

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“ My Dear Cousins and Great Aunt; I remember meeting my Great Uncle and all of you for the first time 23 years ago at my wedding. Although late in my life, I learned over those 23 years that Uncle James was a kind and thoughtful man. I hope some of these words paraphrased from the 23rd Psalm will give you strength and encouragement. Continue to hold on and believe the Lords rod and staff is comforting you and that goodness and mercy will follow each of you all the days of your lives. And yes, one day, we will be with Uncle James and dwell in the house of the Lord forever. May God continue to Bless and keep you always. Love your cousin.
Debbie###imported-begin##Deborah Johnson-Parris###imported-end##

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“ To the Johnson- Coleman Family. We offer you our deepest condolence, love, and prayers. May the LORD sustain you during your time of sorrow. To be absent in the body is to be present with the LORD. Your Husband, Dad, and Pop Pop is now at peace with his LORD and Saviour. God Bless and keep you. The Leonards###imported-begin##Betty Leonard###imported-end##

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“ Johnson-Coleman Family. I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. You have my deepest condolences. May God continue to bless and keep you during these trying times. Maurice Toolles and family.###imported-begin##Maurice Toolles###imported-end##

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“ *Ethel, you were a faithful daughter to your parent. God bless your family and you in your loss.##imported-begin##Betty Smith##imported-end##*

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“ *i'M VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, AND YOUR FAMILY IS IN MY PRAYERS. GOD BLESS##imported-begin##BONNIE YAEDE##imported-end##*

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“ *Ethel Coleman and family -- I'm so sorry for your loss. Remember the Comforter. I will be praying for the family. God Bless and keep you all! Bebe##imported-begin##Beatrice Smith##imported-end##*

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“ *To the Johnson Family, May God strengthen you in your time of sorrow. May his presence bring you peace.##imported-begin##Brenda Rawlings##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Ethel and Family, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your Father. Please know that you are in my prayers. Take care. Your Sister in Christ, Stephanie - W. I. Wright Ensemble##imported-begin##Stephanie V. Smith##imported-end##*

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“ To my friend Chloe, Aunt Gaye, and Krissy. Please know you are in my prayers. I know God will send you comfort. Love
Keisha###imported-begin###Keisha Martin###imported-end##

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“ Gaye & Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate the home going of your Dad. I know your faith and God's Promises will sustain you. God Bless, Wanda###imported-begin###Wanda Gale###imported-end##

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“ To Ethel & Family, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. May God continue to give you strength & peace. God Bless you & love to you all.###imported-begin###Mildred McCalpine & daughter - Erica###imported-end##

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“ My condolences to the family, friends & colleagues of Mr. Johnson. May you find comfort in these words recorded at John 5:28-29: "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." Jesus likened death to a sleeplike condition, for which he will provide the wake-up call. Morning is not afar off.###imported-begin###D. Spann###imported-end##

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“ Trust in the Lord always. So sorry for the lost of your dad. God bless you. He's always there to see you through.##imported-begin##Sonya Mike & Family##imported-end##

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“ Ethel, we offer our condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. You are in our prayers and we love you.##imported-begin##Larry & Ardell Hopson##imported-end##

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“ Did you ever know that your my hero. Daddy I will miss you so much. I already miss you so much. I know I am the baby and it has been hard for me here without you. I Know that you are in Heaven and that is the best place that you could be. We will meet again. I am so proud of you. I pray that I will continue to be the woman that you were so proud of. Your It's a boo. Gaye##imported-begin##Evangelist Gaye Bradby##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ To the family and friends, please accept my sincere condolences during this time of your loss. Please read and find comfort in Psalms 34:18; John 5:28,29 and Rev. 21:3,4. God promises to do away with death and the pain that it causes. May these scriptures bring you strength and encouragement during your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Sean##imported-end##

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“ daddy I miss you today. I think about you all the time. Did you see Reesy yet? Take care of him.##imported-begin##gaye##imported-end##

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“ HI POPPOP, YES I STILL MISS YOU TOO. I MISS MY SON AS WELL MY LITTLE REESY CUP IS UP THERE WITH YOU NOW. YOU AND GRANDMOM HONEY TRIED TO PREPARE ME AND TO LET ME KNOW HE WAS COMING HOME TO YOU GUYS BUT I WAS NOT LISTENING AND BEING NIEVE, BUT I HEARD YOU GUYS BOTH, JUST TAKE CARE OF HIM LET HIM KNOW HE IS FINE BUT I DO BELIEVE HE ALREADY KNOWS THIS NOW, AND I WILL SEE HIM AGAIN. LOVE BOTH OF YOU ENJOY GOD'S KINGDOM!! I KNOW IT'S BEAUTIFUL! HUGS AND KISSES, MOE##imported-begin##MOE##imported-end##

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“ HELLO MY POP-POP JUST PASSING THROUGH, JUST THANKING YOU AGAIN FOR BEING THERE FOR ALL OF US, IT'S NOT THE SAME WITHOUT POP-POP. TAKE CARE OF REESEY! EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW ALREADY WE MADE HISTORY! 11/04/08 I TOLD YOUR GREATGRAND CHILDREN IT'S NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO!! WE DID IT!! HISTORY JUST WISH YOU WERE HERE TO CELEBRATE OUR FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT.I KNOW YOUR TAKING CARE OF RESSEY!!GOD BE THE GLORY!! LOVE MOE-MOE YOUR GRAND BABY!! I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN!!##imported-begin##Moe##imported-end##

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“ Hey dad. Wow. Chrissy is going away to college. Your little girl. She is smart just like you except she can sing. You never could sing. That's ok though cause you look like Nat King Cole. I miss you so bad at times it is unbearable but I know you are fine and in Peace. Love you much. Your little girl. Gaye##imported-begin##Gaye##imported-end##

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