



## James E. Johnston

August 27, 1924 - February 24, 2013

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever” — Psalm 23:6

On Sunday, February 24, 2013, James Eugene Johnston peacefully  
and victoriously transitioned from labor to heavenly reward.

James was born in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina on August 27,  
1924. He was the oldest of four children born to Moses and Hattie Alston  
Johnston. His father died when James was five years of age. Subsequently,  
his

grandparents, Plummer and Susie Alston, assisted in raising the children:  
James,

Edward, Moses “McKinley” and Elinora. At age thirteen, James was baptized  
at

Springfield Baptist Church in Littleton, North Carolina. Upon graduating from  
McIver High School, he served two years in the U.S. Army and six years in the  
U.S. Army Reserve. He attended trade school following his military service.

James moved to Baltimore, Maryland in 1950 and obtained employment  
as an Information Specialist with the U.S. Bureau of Navy Personnel for thirty  
years. Being skilled in many areas, James also utilized his talents in various  
parttime

positions. His true passion, however, was his home improvement business  
through which he established lasting friendships with many people throughout  
the years. His work and reputation enabled him to renovate many homes in

the Baltimore area. He also worked as security personnel at the Arena Players

Theater for a number of years.

James always possessed qualities of a leader. He was involved in various school, civic and church organizations. When his daughters, Dorothy and Evelyn were young, James served as president of the Parent Teacher Association

at Alexander Hamilton Elementary School. Being civic-minded, he was among the thousands of attendees who participated in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 March on Washington. His dynamic leadership qualities led him to be selected as vice-president, then president of the senior citizen complexes where he lived.

James joined Pleasant Rock Baptist Church in 1990 and became a faithful and active member. He was appointed Chairman of the Trustee Ministry, and was ordained as Deacon one year later. Without question, Deacon Johnston loved his Pastor, First Lady and church family. Deacon Johnston continued to grow spiritually while faithfully serving the Lord.

Deacon Johnston's engaging personality and wonderful sense of humor endeared him to others. He was a great conversationalist and kept current in sports and politics by reading the newspaper every day. He enjoyed scrapbooking and maintained a collection of newspaper clippings with history-making events.

He was an avid baseball fan, who enjoyed going to ball games with family and friends. Deacon Johnston enjoyed being around people and he considered everyone his family. He was especially proud of his children, grandchildren and

great-grandchildren — bragging about them to anyone who would listen.

A strong willed and determined man, Deacon Johnston held on to his

independence as long as possible. Although illness prevented him from attending church on Sunday, February 24th, Pleasant Rock Baptist Church honored him as the oldest church member. Later that day, God called His good and faithful servant home to eternal rest.

Deacon Johnston leaves to cherish his love and memory: two daughters, Dorothy (George) Savage and Evelyn (Adrian) Wilson; four grandchildren, George (Renee) Savage, Ericka (Marvin) Harris, Dr. Adrian Wilson and Arianne

Wilson; four great-grandchildren, Tierra, Erick, Selena and Cameron; two sisters, Queen Williams of Totowa, NJ and Viola Bert of Jamaica, NY; one brother, Orange Williams of Brooklyn, NY; devoted friend, Constance Moore; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 1. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

MAR 2. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Pleasant Rock Bapt.  
1099 Scott St.  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

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Baltimore, MD



# Tribute Wall



“ *James E. Johnston*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *1 file added to the album tribute wall*



**Selena Savage** - December 26, 2014 at 09:41 PM



“ *8 files added to the album tribute wall*



**Evelyn** - August 15, 2013 at 10:42 PM

WB

“ To the family of James E. Johnston:  
Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Death is the enemy of all mankind, yet when it touches us personally, few seek the comfort they search for. The unscriptural doctrines that are taught concerning death do not leave those who are grieving with comfort or a hope. They do however, leave many with unanswered questions. The response that "God works in mysterious ways" or that "God needed another angel", does not satisfy the spiritual needs of those who are grieving. Nonetheless, many have found comfort in the pages of God's word the Bible (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). In God's word we find the promise that we can be reunited with our loved ones (John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15). The Bible tells us where this happy reunion will take place (Psalm 37: 11, 29). We are told why we die (Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12), and that the God of the Bible will end death forever (Isaiah 25:8; Revelation 21:3,4). Learning the truth about Jehovah, the God of the Bible (Psalm 83:18), God's Kingdom (Daniel 2:44), and the state of those who have died (Ecclesiastes 9:5), is the start to finding true comfort concerning loved ones who are sleeping in death (John 11:11-14; John 8:32). To find the Bible's satisfying answers to many other questions, please go to the website [jw.org](http://jw.org).

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**William Bolt** - March 13, 2013 at 02:35 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the scriptures at Revelation 21:4 " he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore."

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**Ms. Howard** - March 05, 2013 at 03:31 PM

SG

“ To My Family, Know that my heart is heavy, and am praying for us all. Your father will truly be missed by all of us, not only did he love his family, but his family loved him, he was a treasure for sure and no one else can tell you who is and how people are related to us. I hope you will keep in touch. Love you all.....Cousin Shirley E. Alston-Grayson.

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**SHIRLEY E. GRAYSON** - March 04, 2013 at 02:43 PM

JJ

“ {edited message}  
To the Johnston Family. Our condolences to the family of Cousin James.  
His love of life, people, family and God will be missed by all of us and everyone who knew him. May the precious memories of Cousin James allow you to reflect upon all the joys that you shared with him.  
GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

*From the family of the late Henry & Josie Johnson*

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**Johnnie Johnson** - March 02, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JJ

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*From the family of Henry & Josie Johnson*

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**Johnnie Johnson** - March 02, 2013 at 07:34 AM

NC

“ To the family of Deacon Johnston please accept our love and our prayers as God will see you through this trying time ,the New Life Fellowship Church Family stand with you in this hour for earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Officers and members of the New Life Fellowship Church,Elder N Wiliam Lewis Pastor

New Life Fellowship Church - March 01, 2013 at 09:28 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 - February 27, 2013 at 11:58 AM



*My family sends condolences in the passing of Deacon Johnston. We loved him, and I will miss making him laugh.*

*Blessings,*

*Cindy Willis and family*

Cindy Willis - February 28, 2013 at 08:12 PM

MN

*To the Johnston Family, We were sadden to hear of your lost. May happy memories fill your empty hearts and give you a smile as you journey through this sorrowful time. Memories are the legacy of love. Keep looking up, God is always in your corner. From the family of the late Sam and Leolia Nicholson.*

*Melvin Nicholson and Family, Littleton, NC*

Melvin Nicholson - March 01, 2013 at 02:12 AM



*To Ms. Evelyn & the Johnston Family, I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your love one. I pray in this hour God will strengthen each of you. We don't always understand why but God knows what's best. There will be days of tears, some of laughter, some of a smile or perhaps some of other fond memory, when you think on your love one, always hold that close to your hearts. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace: Numbers 6:24-26*

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**Teresia Smith** - March 05, 2013 at 01:03 PM