



Johnnie Brodis Dye

December 14, 1942 - October 27, 2019

JOHNNIE BRODIS DYE departed this life on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at Bon Secours Community Hospice House in North Chesterfield, VA. He was the second son born to the late James Wesley and Hannah Bell Simpson Dye. He was preceded in death by his son, the late Jonathan Roderick Dye, in 1990. Johnnie accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age in Heath Springs, South Carolina where he was a member of Mont Zion Baptist Church. As an adult, he joined St. James Baptist Church in Eastern Henrico County, VA. He was formally educated in Kershaw and Lancaster County Schools prior to moving to Richmond, Virginia in search of employment.

Johnnie quickly learned print bindery skills and was employed with several printing companies in the Richmond area: Satterwhite Printing Company, Capital Printing Company, North American Communications Group, Mobility Printing Company, and Commonwealth Mailing Services, Inc. In 1985, he became an entrepreneur by opening Dye Bindery Service where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer until its closing on December 31, 2018.

He was an active member of St. James Masonic Lodge #300, Prince Hall Affiliated, having served as Past Master, Junior Warden, and Treasurer. A lover of the outdoors, Johnnie took pride in becoming "a man of the earth." He enjoyed plowing fields for gardening, constructing buildings for tools and equipment, building stables for his horses, clearing and caring for

the St. James Cemetery, and even digging up tree stumps or clearing snow paths with his bulldozer at home, as well as for those in the neighborhood. He has always been an animal lover and has cared for seven horses over the years: Cheyenne, Libby, Red, Illusion, Rainbow, Missy and Foxy. On many weekends, one could often find Johnnie riding Cheyenne, Libby or Missy throughout the community.

Johnnie B, as he was affectionately called, loved his family and friends and they all loved him. He was well known and knew all the "old folks," so people often consulted him to find out about their heritage. He often entertained them by telling funny stories about their families.

He leaves to cherish is memory his devoted wife of 36 years, the former Denise Yvette Yates; four children, Shirlette R. Dye, Travis R. Dye, Morgan Dye Brown (Johnelle) and Adam D.L. Dye; four grandchildren, Taurus Dye, Amira B. Dye, August S. Brown and Jamison E. Brown; one great-grandchild, Jamari Dye; five siblings, Evetis Dye Duren, James Waiters "Jimbo" Dye, Barbara Dye Oliver (Donald), Cardell "Billy" Dye and Sandra Dye-Giles (Larry); a devoted nephew, Kenneth Dye (Bernice); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Johnnie was a task master and worked until the job was done. Now, his work on earth is done.

"Well done my good and faithful servant!"

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Henrico, VA

Previous Events

viewing

NOV 1. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

NOV 1. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Baptist Church
2169 New Market Road
Richmond, VA 23231

Tribute Wall



“ *Johnnie Brodis Dye*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Uncle Johnny he will always be to me. Stern but thoughtful, just as a man should be! Always had my respect! Rest next to your son in heaven my dear uncle! VondaK*

Vonda Mayfield - November 01, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ *I fondly remember seeing Johnnie B. at the Dye Family Gatherings. He always had a very peaceful smile! Now that he has ascended to the Heavenly Plane and immersed in Divine Love, we give thanks for a life well-lived. I know this is a very difficult time for the family, but please know that your Precious Johnnie B. is soaring with the Angels and his Spirit shall forever remain in your hearts.....so allow yourselves to reminisce, cry and laugh! I know the pain is great, but greater is the Comforter. Sending you Love, Light and Healing Energy during your season of grief.*

*In profound sympathy,
Garcia Slater-Byrd*

Garcia S Byrd - November 01, 2019 at 10:32 AM

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“ Garcia Slater-Byrd purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Johnnie Brodis Dye.



Garcia Slater-Byrd - November 01, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Johnnie Brodis Dye.



October 31, 2019 at 03:21 PM

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“ carrie S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Johnnie Brodis Dye.



carrie S. - October 31, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johnnie Brodis Dye.



October 30, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ *Heavenly Light* was purchased for the family of *Johnnie Brodis Dye*.



October 30, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Johnnie Brodis Dye*.



October 30, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Johnnie Brodis Dye*.



October 29, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Johnnie Brodis Dye*.



October 29, 2019 at 12:18 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 - October 29, 2019 at 09:57 AM