



## Reginald Burley Johnson

July 25, 1935 - October 5, 2012

And, on Friday, October 5, 2012 after being in the hospital for five months the Lord knowing the struggle that Reginald Johnson had endured, welcomed him into his heavenly home.

Reggie, as he was fondly known, the second son of the late Jeremiah and Bernice Johnson, was born July 25, 1935 in Baltimore, MD. Reggie was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Douglass High School in 1953. His fascination with airplanes led him to enlist in the United States Air Force where he was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. He received an honorable discharge in 1957. While in Alaska, Reggie learned ballroom dancing and upon his return to Baltimore was elated to demonstrate his smooth moves on a local TV show. Reggie also decided to further his education and attended Morgan State College to study accounting.

In 1961, Reggie began his career in transportation and was employed at the Baltimore Transit Company, driving streetcars and buses. In 1983 he was selected to be among the first group of supervisors for Baltimore's new subway system. In 1991 he selected to be in the first group of supervisors for Baltimore's new light rail system. He thoroughly enjoyed his work. However, after thirty-three years of service he reluctantly retired due to a kidney ailment and was on kidney dialysis for two and a half years. While on dialysis, by faith in God and a longing to return to work, Reggie submitted an application to

work at the MTA once again. He was accepted for the job, and the Lord blessed him with a kidney transplant before he was required to report for work. Reggie worked at the MTA store on St. Paul Street for nine years until his health no longer permitted.

Reggie married the former LaVerne Meekins in April 1972. They were married forty years last Easter Sunday. Reggie was so proud of this milestone that he decided to announce it during church service. Prior to his failing health, Reggie enjoyed traveling with his wife on vacations, working on house projects and socializing with his friends. Reggie also enjoyed attending activities with the Douglass Class of 1953 and always looked forward to the MTA Retiree events.

While in his youth, Reggie was reared in church and baptized. His grandmother saw to that. On January 1, 1978 Reggie and his brother Jerry, who preceded him in death, rededicated their lives to Christ and joined Bethel AME Church, under the pastorate of John Bryant. They immediately joined the Usher Board. Reggie served for almost thirty years until his health declined. The more his health declined, the closer he drew to God. Whenever he talked about the Scriptures or attempted to share the Sunday Sermon, he always ended in tears.

Reggie leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted and loving wife, LaVerne; one sister, Yvonne Wesson (Joseph); two sisters-in-law, Martha Johnson and Rosa Smith (Bernard); nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **10**. 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

OCT **11**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church  
1300 Druid Hill Avenue  
Balto., MD 21217

## Service

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church  
1300 Druid Hill Avenue  
Balto., MD 21217



# Tribute Wall



“ *Reginald Burley Johnson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Please accept my heartfelt sympathies in the loss of your dear loved one. How comforting in knowing Almighty God has not only the power but also the desire to resurrect our loved ones. Jesus himself said: "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." John 5:28,29*

**Delores Allen** - October 10, 2012 at 07:16 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your lost. Losing a loved one is never easy. Jehovah God promises to do away with our suffering. In Revelation 21:4, it says "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." I encourage you and your family to read this with your own copy of the bible. I hope this helps in your time of need.*

**K. Phipps** - October 09, 2012 at 05:00 PM



“ *Laverne, Our condolences to your family. We are praying for your continued strength as you go through this journey of life.*

*Bernita Paige and Family.*



**Vanessa Chambers** - October 09, 2012 at 10:11 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.

---

**March Funeral Homes** - October 09, 2012 at 09:34 AM