



## Sylvester Blake Johnson

August 7, 1954 - January 5, 2012

Sylvester Blake Johnson was born on August 7, 1954 to the late Absenia, Sr. and Mary Jane Johnson in Richmond, Virginia. He entered into eternal rest at McGuire Hospital in Richmond, Virginia on January 5, 2012. He was married to Shelia Carter in Richmond, Virginia and from this union three children were born.

He graduated from Highland Springs High School in 1973 and he enrolled in Ferrum University near Roanoke, Virginia. In July of 1974, Sylvester enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps for three years which he was known by his military code as "Jay." Blake successfully ranked as Sergeant and received an honorable discharge in 1977. Thereafter, he enlisted into the Army Reserve for eight years. While serving his country, he completed his studies in Civic Engineering and received an Associates Degree in 1979 from J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College.

Blake was introduced to Christ at an early age at 31st Street Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia. As a child, he enjoyed singing in his church choir.

He started his career in Civic Engineering at the Virginia Highway Department and moved on to work for various companies as a Surveyor in Houston, Texas. Blake enjoyed music, traveling, socializing with family and friends, spending his day cooking and trying out new recipes. He most loved sharing time with his

grandchildren.

He leaves to cherish his memories to his soulmate, Shelia Johnson-Warren; son, Marcelus Aaron Johnson; two daughters, Tamara Johnson Mann (Aaron) and Shanita Cheree Johnson; stepson, Kenneth "DJ" Council; two grandchildren, Rashawri Damien Johnson and Samuel Aaron Mann; four brothers, Absenia Johnson, Jr. (Carnetta), Milton Darnell Johnson (Vena), Frank Marcel Johnson (Cheryl) and Kevin Lamont Stallings (Ursuala); two devoted cousins, Samuel "Sammy" Whitaker and Patricia Smith; one uncle, Joe Henry Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 11. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23222  
(804) 321-4200  
info@marchfh.com  
<https://www.marchfuneralhomevirginia.com/>

## Family Hour

JAN 11. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

31st Street Baptist Church  
823 North 31st Street  
Richmond, VA 23223



# Tribute Wall



“ Sylvester Blake Johnson

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ There is no way to lessen the sorrow of losing a loved one. Please be reminded that others care very much and hope you have strength and comfort at this sorrowful time. (Psalms 34:18; Psalms 55:22)

**M. Johnson** - January 08, 2012 at 06:13 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

**Ms Springer** - January 07, 2012 at 05:20 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** - January 06, 2012 at 03:54 PM