



## Walter L. Johnson

May 2, 1920 - February 6, 2006

WALTER LENWOOD JOHNSON was the loving husband of Josephine Johnson father of Lenwood, Freida, Linda, Joyce and Rita. Walter was the third child of Clarence Johnson and Julia Thompson Johnson born on May 2, 1920 in Eastern Baltimore City. Walter was a confluence of two very large tide water northern Virginia families with Johnson's and Thompson's on his father's side of the family from Richmond County, Va. and Johnson's and Thompson's on his mothers side of the family of Westmoreland, Va. He was baptized and became a member of Grace Memorial Baptist Church. Walter received his formal education in the Baltimore City Schools, graduating from Douglas High School in 1938. He continued his education by attending Cortez Peters Business School. Shortly after, in the late 1930's, he secured a porter's position with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (B&O). Eventually he was assigned to work on the B&O's Flag Ship Train, The Royal Blue that provided luxurious travel between Washington D.C. and New York City. In that assignment he had occasions to meet captains of industry, national political leaders, movie stars, professional athletes, religious leaders of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths, and those involved in positive social changes for African Americans. He could at any time recall these occasions with great specificity. He remained an employee of the B&O until the early 1960's when the company ceased passenger service along the eastern seaboard. By that time Walter in heart had become quintessentially a "Railroad Man", disciplined in the formalities of decorum, education, language, dress and punctuality. In

fact it was said of that he was “congenitally punctual. His ardent embrace of those disciplines, even after leaving the B&O, stood him good stead for passing the U.S. Postal Clerk Examination in the early 1960’s, while he was in his 40’s. After all, at that time, he still had an eight member immediate family to support. He remained in the employ of the U.S. Postal Service until he retired in 1973. After retiring, Walter spent much of his time reading, learning, and most of all holding his direct five generation family together. Further, in the last decade or so because of his longevity, furtive mind and depth of knowledge of our direct and collateral families he had become the acknowledged family griot, historian and genealogical expert consultant. Walter made it his business to keep in touch with family members all over the country. He lived for the opportunity to attend the Annual Westmoreland County Family Reunion and Homecoming where he could share his knowledge of the family with others. At last years gathering, all five generations of his direct descendents were represented. Much of what has been written here serve not only to illuminate the remarkable life journey of Walter Lenwood Johnson of Pop-Pop as many of his grandchildren called him but to inform the younger family generations that they come from family achievers who survived the middle passage, slavery, Jim Crow laws and did what was necessary to get their offspring thus far. Follow Pop-Pops example and you will have a promising future. Pop-Pop went on to his reward on February 6, 2006. We, the family miss his physical presence. His spiritual presence however is now very much with us. So listen to him, be directed by him, and be comforted by him. For he now rests in the mighty arms of Jesus. He suffers no more pain and after nine years is now reunited with his living wife Josephine in heaven. There was an editorial cartoon published in the last few days that has circulated almost without notice. This cartoon depicts a beautiful lady with suitcase at her side, standing in clouds in front of heavens pearly gates. From behind the gates the blooming voice of country preacher extols, “I have a dream...And here she comes now! ...If I may, I would like to think Josephine is extolling much the same thing-“I also have a dream...And

here he comes now!Pop-Pop, words cannot express how much we truly love you,Walter Lenwood Johnson leaves to praise his memory one loving son, Lenwood Johnson, four daughters, Linda M. Cooper, Joyce James and Rita Robertson-El: thirteen grandchildren, Angelisa Morton, Sharbett Morton, Michelle Morton, Darrel Morton Sr., Alex Robertson-El, Terressa Cooper, Towanda Oglesby, Jendayi Johnson, Betserai Johnson, Larry Robertson Jr.-Bey, Danté Aulton, Khan Williams, Victoria Oglesby, Tiffany Oglesby, Leonard Wooding, Darrell Morton Jr., Cierra Ellerbe, Marquis Addison, Deon Williams, Michael Morton and Jasmine Johnson; six great-great grandchildren, Andria Weaver, Chardae Myers, Michael Morton Jr., Tykie Williams, Lakhan Williams, and Keiko Williams; three son-in-laws, dozens of nieces and nephews, hundreds of other relatives and a host of friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Walter L. Johnson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Angelisa Morton lit a candle in memory of  
Walter L. Johnson*



**Angelisa Morton** - June 19, 2012 at 01:07 PM



*POP POP...WE LOVE AND MISS YOU SO MUCH...THE FAMILY IS  
JUST NOT THE SAME WITHOUT YOU AND GRANDMA....YOUR  
DAUGHTERS ARE ALL SEPARATED AND HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP  
AT ALL WITH EACH OTHER..HOW SAD THAT IS...CAUSE YOU DID  
NOT RAISE THEM THAT WAY...BUT STILL I STRIVE TO CONTINUE  
TO BE AND DO MY BEST FOR THE FAMILY...MAY YOU CONTINUE  
TO REST IN PEACE...THIS ETERNAL FLAME BURNS FOR YOU  
AND GRANDMA...LOVE YOU....YOUR OLDEST  
GRANDDAUGHTER....ANGIE...*

**Angelisa Morton** - June 19, 2012 at 01:12 PM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##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 Jesus Christ 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 and our loved ones who have lost their life to our enemy death.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ Pop Pop we are truly missing you so very much. May you rest in Peace. Love Angie and all of the Family.##imported-begin##angelisa morton##imported-end##

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“ *May the sure hope of the resurrection be a comfort to your family at this time. We should never have to bury our loved ones. It is something that was never a part of God's purpose for man. So through the precious blood of his son Jesus he took steps to rid the world of this enemy death, and restore back to us the opportunity for eternal life. Jesus said at John 10:10 "I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance." May you be comforted by these promises.##imported-begin##R Johnaon##imported-end##*

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“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. Job 14:15 tells how Almighty God has an intense yearning to bring our dead ones back to life. That same verse assures us that he will do this, "he will call", he will resurrect our dead loved ones with the hope of no more death, sickness, sorrow or pain. (Revelation 21:3-5) May you find much comfort and strength in this promise from the Bible.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##*

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Johnson. May you all find comfort from the "...Father of Tender mercies and the God of Comfort", who promises that soon "...many of those asleep in the ground of dust will wake up". Daniel 12:2. May this be a true source of comfort and encouragement to you all.##imported-begin##V Adams##imported-end##*

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