



Deacon James Jeffrey Johnson

February 11, 1953 - August 9, 2013

James J. Johnson (aka J.J.) departed this life on July 28, 2013. He was born on February 11, 1953 in Stamford, CT. He was the son of the late James Edward and Geraldine Davis Johnson. Shortly after his birth his family relocated to Greensboro, N.C. where he attended the Greensboro Public Schools, graduating from the James B. Dudley High School in 1971. Immediately following high school, J.J. attended the N.C. A&T State University for two years. In his second year at the N.C. A&T State University, J.J. and other young African American male college students decided to become Swanxmen, where they pledged the Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Inc., a decision that was both pivotal and profound in both his character and outgoing personality. J.J. thought it was necessary to enlist into the United States Air Force, where he received an Honorable Discharge. Moving forward, J.J. began working for the National Railroad Association and eventually became a train conductor, working the Washington, D.C. to Atlanta, GA corridor. After several years, J.J. relocated to New Haven, CT where he retired and joined the Christian Love Center Church, where he became a member, a Deacon and a member of the Church's Male Chorus. J.J. loved to sing and participated and enjoyed many activities within the church, i.e., Sunday School, Counseling and the Food Bank. J.J., who knew the importance of education from a very early age, decided to return to school in New Haven, where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Philosophy from Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT in May 2008. He is survived his

wife, Geraldine Clayton Johnson, sons, James J. Johnson, Jr. (aka 'Lil J) of New Haven, William James Johnson (B.J.) a daughter, Amanda Jamille Johnson both of Winnepeg, Manitoba Canada, three grandchildren, Deandre Nicole Johnson, William Jeffrey Johnson of Greenboro, N.C., Genesis Johnson-Neal of Winnepeg, Manitoba Canada, a brother Gregory Edward Johnson of Stamford, CT, mother-in-law, Pastor Willie Mae Clayton, of New Haven, CT two brother-in-laws, Wayne Clayton and Frank Clayton, a sister-in-law, Pamela Spann. He also leaves to mourn a host of Nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. In fond memory, he will be missed by his first cousins, Anthony Edward Eason, Patricia Ann Eason, both of Greensboro, N.C. and Susan Rae Whiteside of San Diego, CA. J.J. Johnson will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him. Interment in The State of Connecticut Veteran's Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown, CT 06457.

Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon James Jeffrey Johnson*

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“ *We are all very saddened over the loss of Deacon Johnson. During this difficult time, we can turn to our heavenly father, the God of Comfort, to help us cope. We also have the wonderful promises of hope outlined in the Bible, especially Rev. 21, 3 and 4 which says "The tent of God is with mankind...And he will wipe out every tear from there eyes, and death will be no more.*

Deacon James Johnson - September 05, 2013 at 01:31 PM



“ *To Cousin Gerdine & Lil J, Im praying for you all. Im sorry I cant be there with you but you are all in my prayers. The Stovall, Mitchell, and Erkard family are praying for you as well. We Love you all !!!*

Pastor Carol DuBose - September 05, 2013 at 01:31 PM