



Deacon Charles Richard Johnson

April 2, 1942 - February 13, 2018

The Life of Deacon Charles Richard Johnson
"To Everything there is a Season"

A Time to Be Born

Charles Richard Johnson was born on April 2, 1942, to the late Almena Shelley, of St. Petersburg, Florida. Charles attended the St. Petersburg Public School System, and graduated from Gibbs High School. After graduating, he went on to pursue his Associates Degree.

A Time to Love

Charles was the most caring and loving person you could ever meet. He was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Charles had a servant's heart, and frequently visited members that were sick and convalescent. He also enjoyed traveling. It was actually after traveling to a family reunion in 1989 to Raleigh, North Carolina, where he married his loving wife, Alma Fletcher. From this year forward, he never missed another family reunion, that is, until his health began to fail in 2012.

In 1969, Charles came to Detroit, to visit his aunt, and decided to stay. He would often say "he loved the snow, because it would never snow in Florida."

A Time to Worship

Charles confessed Christ at an early age while living in St. Petersburg, Florida. After meeting and marrying his wife he joined the First Union Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. W. G. McDaniel. After becoming an ordained deacon, Charles served under the leadership of Rev. Marion Myers, Sr. and Pastor Frank J. Knolton, Sr. He was a Sunday School Superintendent, president of the Male Chorus, and a member of the Pastor's Chorus. He also served as the church custodian, where he took great pride in maintaining the beautification of the church. Although his health prevented him from actively serving, Charles continued to serve under the leadership of Pastor Frank J. Knolton at the Leland Missionary Baptist Church.

A Time to Serve

Charles was drafted into the United States Army in 1967. And after only serving his country for thirteen months, during the time of the Vietnam War, his convoy was ambushed. Charles was wounded, and returned to the United States to begin his road to recovery. He received a Purple Heart for his bravery. Charles's heart to serve led him to later join the National Reserve.

Charles was employed at the Chrysler Corporation, and was later gainfully employed with the Detroit Board of Education, where he retired after 27 years of service.

A Time to Die

Charles departed this life on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Feb. **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Leland Missionary Baptist Church
22420 Fenkell
Detroit, MI 48223

Funeral Service

Saturday, Feb. **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Charles Richard Johnson*

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