



Mr. Johnie Bernard Johnson

January 8, 1946 - August 23, 2014

Johnie Bernard Johnson was the tenth child born to the union of the late James John Johnson and Susie Lee Harris on January 8, 1946 in Gainesville, Alabama. He was a birthday blessing to his mother as they shared the same birthday and the seventh boy.

Johnie received his high school education at Sumter County Training School in Livingston, Alabama. August 15, 1963, at the age of seventeen Johnie moved to Detroit, Michigan. He began working odd jobs such as working with concrete and car washes to earn his wages.

While working as a valet at Saks Fifth Avenue, he met Gloria Ezell, the love affair began.

On one special Valentine's Day February 14, 1970, Johnie married Gloria Jean Ezell. They were married 40 glorious years and to this union, three children were born: Dominique, Johnny, Tamika.

Johnie began working at Ford Motor Company Steel Divison. "JB" as they called him, worked 42 years of service at the Hot Strip Mill as a crane operator.

Johnie was known for throwing his great backyard picnics. He would be out grilling for his family every weekend. He loved to sit around the table talking

with his children about everything from fatherly advice to education. He always wanted to know their opinions. He was passionate about his love for reading everything from the newspaper to the Jet magazines.

He loved a well groomed yard and would be outside for hours cutting or watering the lawn. He loved to shop but it wasn't that often because he knew he was an impulse shopper. Although he worked numerous hours, he always knew how to be clean when it was time to party.

Early Saturday morning, August 23, 2014, Johnie unexpectedly made his transition while at work doing what he does best.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Aug. **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Aug. **30**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Love Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C.
17617 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227

Funeral Service

Saturday, Aug. **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Johnie Bernard Johnson*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I'm sending my prayers out to the family Tamika and Johnny, I'm sorry for your loss I'll be calling you , keeping you in my prayers... your Mom& Dad are together again... love you T..LadyA*



Annette Miles Kellam - August 31, 2014 at 01:39 AM



“ *Pastor Nathan N. Nance and the Mt. Gillion Missionary Baptist Church family extend our deepest sympathy to the family. Cleveland, OH*

Patty Brown - August 27, 2014 at 07:24 AM



“ *On behalf of the UAW Steel Unit Membership and Committee we offer our heartfelt condolences to the family. We wish you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to hold in your heart.*

W.T. Wilhelm - Steel Unit President

W.T. Wilhelm - August 27, 2014 at 05:27 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Johnie Bernard Johnson.*



August 26, 2014 at 09:22 PM



“ *R I PARADISE Mr. Johnson....GONE but NEVER FORGOTTEN...your FAMILY will Be in my PRAYERS...?? Mz. Lisa Co-Worker in HSM*



Lisa Ross - August 26, 2014 at 05:30 PM