



Mr. Percy Edward Johnson, Jr.

July 13, 1940 - July 25, 2018

Celebrating The Life Of Percy Edward Johnson Jr.:

Mr. Percy E. Johnson, Jr. was born in Camden, Alabama on July 13, 1940, to the late Percy Johnson, Sr. and Clara Bussey Johnson. Years after moving from Camden, Alabama to Detroit, MI Percy accepted Christ and was baptized in Jesus' Name at New Creation Church of the Apostolic Faith.

After graduating high school and moving to Detroit Michigan, Percy met his first wife, Ella Faye Wilbon (Washington). To that union 5 children were born; Timothy, Percy, Semekia, Tinesha, and Lawrence. Percy and Faye remained friends throughout the years and had great respect for one another. On March 19, 1994 Percy married Velma Johnson, they had one son, Dekoven. Percy took pride in protecting and providing for his family. He encouraged his children and grandchildren to work hard and excel at whatever they do.

Percy retired from General Motors, Inc., in 2002 after working there for over 30 plus years. He took pride in his work and stated that had he not gotten sick, he would have worked for another 10 years. He was recognized by General Motors for his excellent attendance and he was also instrumental in working with the union to ensure safe and fair labor practices. Many of his close friends often tell stories of how Percy would pick them up for work when they didn't have transportation. He was a true friend and would do whatever it took to help someone maintain their employment.

Percy believed in civil rights and encouraged everyone to make a difference and exercise their right to vote. He did not miss voting in an election and one of his proudest moments was when Barack Obama was elected as the first African American President of the United States. Percy was also humbled to have the opportunity to march with Dr. Martin Luther King during the Walk to Freedom March in Detroit on June 23, 1963. He was one of many to have the opportunity to hear Dr. King deliver his infamous “I Have a Dream” speech which was given weeks later in Washington, D.C.

Percy was a strong, hardworking man. In his younger years, he loved riding his motorcycle and working on cars. He was proud of his work as an auto mechanic and knew everything there was to know about cars; often repairing the cars of close family and friends for free. Percy also loved fishing with his brothers, cooking for family members (he made the best BBQ sauce and ribs), and most of all he loved spending time with family. He understood perfectly how good food and fellowship went hand in hand. You could not visit his home without being asked “Would you like something to eat?”

Percy was a Super Hero to many. His strength could be felt in his conversation and in his silence. He fought cancer like a champion and set an impeccable example of perseverance, tenacity, and resilience. He never quit, he never stopped fighting, and he never stopped working to make things better for everyone around him. Although he is taking his rest now, the impact that he had on family friends will live on forever. His nickname, Big Foot, was rightly given; but the largest part of him was not his feet but rather his heart.

Percy took his rest on Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park East

4280 East 13 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48092

Previous Events

Visitation

Tuesday, Jul. **31**. 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

Wednesday, Aug. **1**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Wednesday, Aug. 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Percy Edward Johnson, Jr.*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss praying for you all luv
Uncle Randy and June Welborn*



June Welborn - August 02, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ *Monikia Wright purchased the Beautiful in Blue
for the family of Mr. Percy Edward Johnson, Jr..*



Monikia Wright - July 31, 2018 at 09:16 PM



“ *Thinking of your family during this time, prayers to the family.*

Jennifer Carlson - July 31, 2018 at 03:13 PM

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“ Sending Prayers, and Love to The Johnson Family in this time and always may God be with each one of you. May God give you all the strength you need to get through this, and bring you closer than before in unity and Love. Hold tight to each other and enjoy the time you all have together now. Daddy Percy is at Peace. Me and my family, Friends, Sunshine Missionary Baptist, & New Community Church here in Texas will continue to pray for everyone. Love, Shelonda



Shelonda Richardson - July 31, 2018 at 12:00 PM

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“ Aunt Rosie Norris, Janice, Lester Jr, Terry, Lisa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Percy Edward Johnson, Jr..



Aunt Rosie Norris, Janice, Lester Jr, Terry, Lisa - July 30, 2018 at 06:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Percy Edward Johnson, Jr..



July 30, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Percy Edward Johnson, Jr..*



July 30, 2018 at 07:41 AM



“ *Malone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Percy Edward Johnson, Jr.*



Malone - July 28, 2018 at 12:46 AM



“ *To the family, you have my condolences and prayers during this time. My God bless you. Niece Natalie*

Malone - July 28, 2018 at 12:44 AM



“ *We would like to extend our condolences to the family. May you draw comfort from God as he help you to cope with your loss . May your love one Rest In Peace.*

Evans Family - July 27, 2018 at 06:26 PM