



Mr. Samuel Bezell Johnson Jr.

January 10, 1931 - April 26, 2015

Life Reflections:

Samuel B. Johnson, Jr. (Sam) was born in Bastrop, Louisiana on January 10, 1931 to Ardella and Samuel B. Johnson, Sr. and was raised by his grandparents Julia and Charlie Johnson. Sam's mother, father and grandparents preceded him in death.

Sam attended Morehouse Training School and was a member of the Mount Olive United Methodist Church in Bastrop, Louisiana. Following graduation he joined the United States Army and fought in the Korean War. He returned home and upon completing his tour of duty, received an honorable discharge.

During the early 50's Sam moved to Detroit and met the love of his life "THERESA." On January 3, 1955 they were married and over the next 60 years they enjoyed traveling, family picnics, community events and various family outings throughout the years. Sam had a son Walter L. Johnson, Sr. who became a part of this union.

Sam worked for the City of Detroit and retired from the Department of Sanitation after 30 plus years of service. In 1976 he joined the Detroit Renaissance Lions Club, a chapter of the Lions Club International an International service organization. He really enjoyed his membership as member of the Lions Club. He was dedicated and committed to making sure

that the bus was always in good running condition and would be ready for use when needed. For his dedicated service he was awarded the "Melvin Jones Fellowship Award" presented by the Lions International Foundation the highest award given by the Club. Additionally, he demonstrated the same concern of commitment and dedication to his neighborhood and served as the neighborhood watch, and he would clear the snow from his and his neighbors' sidewalks. He could have been called "Mr. Fix It" as all who knew him could attest to his ability to "fix it" no matter what "it" was. He just enjoyed repairing things. Lastly, he received various awards from the City of Detroit for services he performed.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, May 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen A.M.E. Church
6000 Stanford (John Hunter Drive)
Detroit, MI 48210

Funeral Service

Saturday, May 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Samuel Bezell Johnson Jr.*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Paulette & LeRoy Johndon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Bezell Johnson Jr.*



Paulette & LeRoy Johndon - May 01, 2015 at 02:59 PM



“ *Wanda M. Oliver purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Samuel Bezell Johnson Jr..*



Wanda M. Oliver - May 01, 2015 at 12:00 PM