



Mr. Derek F. Johnson

November 22, 1970 - August 4, 2015

JOHNSON, Mr. Derek F. - Age 44, passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10 a.m. Friday, August 14, 2015 at Vernon Chapel A.M.E. Church, 5802 Dupont St. with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Rev. Byron Moore, Host Pastor. Rev. Roosevelt Brown, Officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Friday. Mr. Johnson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. Derek Ferrone "Fee" Johnson was born on November 22, 1970 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Louis and Rev. Estella Johnson. Derek graduated from Northern High School in 1989 and was a member of Oman Temple Youth Drill Team. After graduating, Derek enlisted in the U.S. Army from 1989-1993. While in the military, he was called to serve in Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia. Upon his return, he was given an Honorable Discharge. Derek was employed by Swift Trucking Company, a job he greatly enjoyed because it gave him an opportunity to meet a variety of people and to see the world. Derek was a voracious reader; he loved historical and political facts most. He believed in living life to the fullest, and being happy despite the many obstacles life brings. Derek never met a stranger, and was known for helping anyone he came into contact with. He loved to cook and surround himself with family and friends. Derek left this earth too early for us to understand, but God

always has a purpose and a plan for His people. Derek will be especially remembered for his comedic antics (even if you were on the receiving end), his vast knowledge of most subjects, but mostly remembered for his love of every family member and friend.

Mr. Derek Ferrone “Fee” Johnson leaves to cherish his memory: Lifelong companion, Patricia Meeks; 3 daughters, DarMecia (Don) Snipes, Kiarra and Siarra Johnson; 3 step children, Dominique Bragg, Krystal Powell and De’Andre Matthews; loving parents, Louis and Rev. Estella Johnson; 2 sisters, Min. Angela Williams of Madison, TN, and Arnell (Carnell) Jones of Springdale, AR; 3 brothers, Marcus Johnson of Hermitage, TN, Daryl and Dmitri (Donyelle) Johnson; 4 nieces, Jacke’e Williams, SanToya, Keyonna and Asia Johnson; 6 nephews, Ju’juan and Jameel Williams, Darnell II, Allen, Austin and Dante Johnson; a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and many, many friends including special cousins, LaGreta and Michael Johnson, Vanessa Goodman, Charles Ursery and wife, Catarra Bellamy (Johnson).

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by maternal grandmother, Lucille Lane; and elder brother, Darnell R. Johnson.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 13. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

AUG 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Vernon Chapel AME Church
5802 Dupont St.
Flint, MI

Service

AUG **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Derek F. Johnson*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Elena lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek F. Johnson*



Elena - August 14, 2015 at 03:30 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Derek F. Johnson.*



August 13, 2015 at 05:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Derek F. Johnson.*



August 13, 2015 at 05:17 PM

MA

“ We all miss Derek "Dawg Bones" Johnson at work. We miss his laugh. We miss the way he collected empty bottles for the 10 cent refund. We miss the way he defended others. There was one time a coworker lost his temper and wanted to fight another worker. This guy was well on his way to losing his job. Derek grabbed the guy who was losing his temper and did not let him go until he calmed down a bit. We miss the way Derek was always hungry. He would try to convince his supervisors that they should buy him lunch. We miss and respect the way Derek loved his family. He talked about going to the hospital to visit his mother. Derek felt that they were not taking good care of his mother and he had words with the staff. There were certain things he would not put up with. More than anything else we all just miss his infectious personality.

Matt - August 13, 2015 at 02:14 PM

DP

“ Denise Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek F. Johnson



Denise Palmer - August 13, 2015 at 01:46 AM

YC

“ Your friends at March Coatings purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Derek F. Johnson.



Your friends at March Coatings - August 11, 2015 at 09:19 AM

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“Derek was my cousin. His absence from this family has greatly impacted the Johnson clan. But I don't choose to dwell on the negative. I choose to highlight the positive. He was a light in our family. He loved us all, even those of us that he didn't know directly. He was big on family. It was important to him. So for that reason, I want to take this time to make a plea to each and every one of us. Let's work harder to love one another in words and actions. He was always reaching out to someone, cracking one of his corny jokes and making them laugh. Yeah, he was a character. I guess he thought he was a comedian! Anyway, that was his way of keeping us close. Family, let's keep the love that my cousin showed going. I believe that's what he would want. Derek I will see you again! I love you all! Be blessed!

Dina Smith (cousin) - August 10, 2015 at 09:46 PM

CR

“Crystal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Derek F. Johnson



Crystal - August 09, 2015 at 09:27 PM

DA

“Dakota, Sierra, Braxton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek F. Johnson



Dakota, Sierra, Braxton - August 09, 2015 at 03:02 PM

JO

“ Joe,Robbie,Josh,Tabitha,Donovan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek F. Johnson



Joe,Robbie,Josh,Tabitha,Donovan - August 09, 2015 at 02:59 PM

SS

“ Sharon Slone sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Derek F. Johnson



Sharon Slone - August 08, 2015 at 05:57 PM

SS

Marcus and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Sharon Slone - August 08, 2015 at 06:00 PM