



Mr. James Johnson

December 8, 1952 - December 17, 2016

JOHNSON, Mr. James - Age 64, passed away Saturday, December 17, 2016 at his residence. Family hour 11:00 AM December 28, 2016 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2109 M.L. King Ave., with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM Pastor Rodney Ellison officiating. Interment Lovedale Memorial Cemetery, G-5175 E. Bristol Rd., Burton, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM Wednesday. 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 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Tuesday.

Mr. James Nathaniel Johnson was born December 8, 1952 in Honolulu, Hawaii, the son of William T. and Lena Mae Johnson. He was known to most as "Jimmy". James family moved from Hawaii to Los Angeles, CA when he was a young child. "Jimmy" was the third son (baby boy) born to the union of Lena and William. He was very smart in school and very good with assembling anything that needed to be put together. "Jimmy" was so good with his hands that all he needed was the picture on the box to put it together. He had a love for cars at a very early age. At the age of sixteen he purchased his first car, a brown GTO; he would work on that car and shine on it for many hours a day. A couple years later he upgraded and purchased a new Firebird. "Jimmy" and several of his friends purchased the same model car and started a club call the "Firebird's." On weekends you would see the club cruising around Compton, CA. This was just the beginning for "Jimmy", he then went

on to purchase a brown 240Z and he named that car his "Brown Baby." After that car he purchased his red Porsche 928. This may have been Jimmy's favorite car of his youth. Many years later after he moved to Flint, MI, he purchased a 1984 Corvette which was the car of the year. "Jimmy" would drive his corvette and have it on display during Flint's Annual "Back To The Bricks" parade. Notice what all these cars had in common ...speed. He met the love of his life while she was visiting family in California. "Jimmy" always said it was love at first site. One week later, he moved from California to Michigan and then one month later on September 12, 1987 "Jimmy" and Neva got married. They recently celebrated 29 years of marriage and were planning to renew their vows for their 30th Wedding Anniversary. He was a family man in every sense of the word. "Jimmy" enjoyed grilling and cooking delicious meals for his family. He loved decorating the house with lights during Christmas and was always excited to be with family. "Jimmy" loved watching television especially basketball games. His favorite team was the Los Angeles Lakers. He also enjoyed watching westerns and black & white movies. "Jimmy" especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, who affectionately called him "Poppy". Whenever the grandchildren were around he was in the midst of them all playing, talking, laughing, watching cartoons or doing his famous Donald Duck impressions. His grandchildren loved their "Poppy" and he loved them as well, they never left each others side. He will truly be missed.

Mr. James Nathaniel Johnson leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Neva Johnson of Flint; 2 daughters, Lekeisha Johnson of Paramount, CA and Jamie (Richard) Steen of Rialto, CA; 2 sons, Marcola (Precious) Powell and James (Jennifer) Johnson, all of Flint; 12 grandchildren, Kenya, Kenny, Mia, Lance and Lia, all of Paramount, CA, Mariyah, Layla, Jordyn, Jenniya, Miya and Marcus, all of Flint, and Richard "Bud" of Rialto, CA; 3 sisters, Leilana (Floyd) Drain, and Keilani Greenwade, all of Anaheim, CA, and Zena (Eric) Tyler of Murrieta, CA; brother, Roland Vegas of Maui, HI; 4 nieces, Charmaine Vegas

of Long Beach, CA, Monique Whitfield of Anaheim, CA, Nicole Tyler and Nina Tyler; nephew, Evan Tyler, all of Murrieta, CA; 2 aunts, Mattie Thompson and Carrie Brannon, both of Abbeville, MS; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Kenneth and Jacquelyn Bransford, and Saville Shumpert.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lena Johnson; brothers, William "Butch" Johnson and Robert "Soto" Johnson.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Rodney Ellison and Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church family, and Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Lovedale Memorial Cemetery

G-5175 E. Bristol Rd.
Burton, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 27. 12:00 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

DEC 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
2109 M.L. King Ave.
Flint, MI

Service

DEC **28**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Johnson*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Jacqueline Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Jacqueline Roberts - December 27, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ *James was such a caring, helpful neighbor to me and my husband who has been experiencing some health problems. Whenever I called he was there,. At least weekly he would check on Don. we will miss him, just a beautiful person.Neva, we will be there for you. We know God will continue to protect you and the family. Peace and Blessings, Don & Barbara Wesley*

Barbara Wesley - December 26, 2016 at 08:01 PM



“ *Sabrina Woodson-Robertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Sabrina Woodson-Robertson - December 26, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - December 26, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ *David & Versie Munerlyn lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



David & Versie Munerlyn - December 26, 2016 at 12:43 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. James Johnson.*



December 25, 2016 at 11:07 AM

CD

“ Cynthia A. Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson



Cynthia A. Dixon - December 24, 2016 at 04:23 PM

GM

“ GLORIA MOSES-COLEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson



GLORIA MOSES-COLEN - December 24, 2016 at 11:25 AM

CD

“ Christina Dye lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson



Christina Dye - December 22, 2016 at 06:35 PM

CF

“ Lifting the family in prayer.



Co-worker, Corliss Fisher - December 22, 2016 at 06:21 PM

SS

“ *Sending prayers to the entire Family*



Sherry Stewart - December 22, 2016 at 01:57 PM

VC

“ *My prayers go out to you and your family. Lean on the Lord for your strength. If you need anything just let me know. Love Vanessa Cobb*

verna cobb - December 22, 2016 at 12:06 PM

FF

“ *May your family find comfort at 2 Cor 1:3,4 which says "Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we receive from God."*

ff - December 21, 2016 at 12:18 PM

TS

“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Trina Stewart - December 20, 2016 at 08:51 PM

PH

“ *Patti Holder lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Patti Holder - December 20, 2016 at 07:44 PM



“ *Johanna Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Johanna Houston - December 20, 2016 at 07:02 PM



“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Sharon Mixon - December 20, 2016 at 04:05 PM

BB

“ *Bro And Sis Kenneth And Jackie Bransford lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Bro and Sis Kenneth and Jackie Bransford - December 20, 2016 at 02:13 PM

CH

“ *Chekeetha Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Chekeetha Hamlin - December 20, 2016 at 02:09 PM

AL

“ *ALICIA LEVERETTE lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



ALICIA LEVERETTE - December 20, 2016 at 01:17 PM

AL

“ *ALICIA LEVERETTE lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



ALICIA LEVERETTE - December 20, 2016 at 09:23 AM

TR

“ *Terri Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Terri Russell - December 20, 2016 at 06:12 AM

RS

“ *Reggie Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Reggie Sanders - December 20, 2016 at 06:10 AM

JM

“ *Judy Manning lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Judy manning - December 19, 2016 at 08:37 PM

DB

“ *Grief can be hard, but with scripture at (Psalms: 34:18) but with our special memories help us cope.remembering you and your loved one today and always.*



Daisy M Boone - December 19, 2016 at 05:43 PM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Johnson*



Carol Gardner - December 19, 2016 at 02:08 PM