

Celebration of Life
for



Johnny

LOUIS DARDEN

Sunrise: October 29, 1938 – Sunset: May 1, 2023

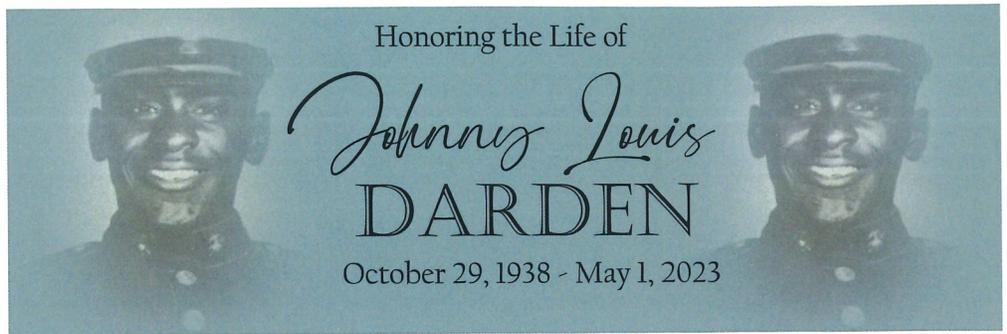
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Wake: 12:30pm

Homegoing Celebration: 1:00pm



In the Chapel of
Joseph H. Brown Funeral Home, P.A.
2140 North Fulton Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland



Musical Prelude

Words of Grace & Greeting

Elder Rosalind Scott

Opening Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

Musical Selection

Mr. Randy Sellers

Words of Comfort & Reflections

(2 minutes Please)

Obituary

Mrs. Jacqueline Wilson

Musical Selection

Mr. Randy Sellers

Message of Hope

Dr. Kwame O. Abayomi

Benediction

Dr. Kwame O. Abayomi

FOREVER IN OUR *Hearts!*

Obituary

Johnny Louis Darden the eldest child of the late Harry and Amanda Darden was born on October 29, 1938. Johnny grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina and later his family moved to Baltimore, MD where he was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System.

Johnny served his call to duty in the United States Air Force. Johnny was employed by CSX Transportation and retired in the year 2000 after 44 years of service.

Johnny and Hilda met in 1968 and after a long courtship were joined in marriage on June 7, 2000. With them uniting as one, Johnny earnestly accepted and cared for Kim and Jessie Hilda's children, and they became a blended family. Later Johnny and Hilda were blessed with two additions to their family. Amy (Pumpkin) and John Jr. (Jon-Jon) both requiring extra special love and care. Johnny provided their care humbly and selflessly until his health prevented him from doing so.

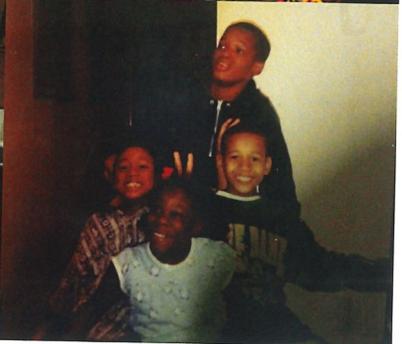
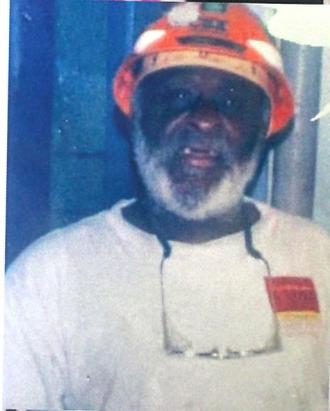
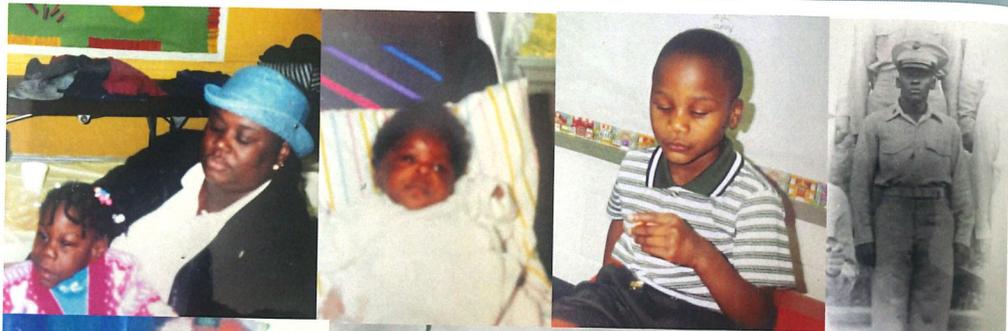
Johnny enjoyed barbequing and was known as "The Grill Master" for his delicious grilled chicken. He shared with anyone who were drawn by the aroma that filled the neighborhood. He enjoyed spending time with family. Often taking them on car rides and dining at Pizza Hut.

His grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, held a special place in his heart. They joyously called him "Grandad" because of his humorous ways. Johnny was a giving person and would help anyone in need.

Peacefully on Monday, May 1, 2023, at the noon day hour, Johnny peacefully transitioned from this earthly life to eternal rest.

Johnny was a loving, nurturing father and devoted husband and leaves his wife Hilda, who affectionately called him "My Denzel." to cherish fond memories. He fondly will be missed by his children: daughters; Amy and Kim Taylor, Son; John Jr. and Jessie Parks, five grandchildren; Lloyd, Ray, Allen, Tyler, and Jordan who preceded him in death. Fourteen great-grandchildren; cousins; Jean Darden and Thomas Darden. One aunt; Frances Darden, one brother; Tom Darden who preceded him in death, Three sisters-in-law, Three brothers-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Treasured Memories



Will Last a Lifetime!

Laughing when your song played, thinking how you sang
off key, but this time it sounds so sweet to us.
Summer days of grilling will never be quite the same.
Now that you are The Grill master to Angels old and new.
Who's going to give us nicknames
(Longhead. Squirmy, Noodles and Nicknack),
but better yet who will sit and watch Pepa Pig with us?
Your long rides and manly conversations will be
a priceless memory. Know that as you rest in Paradise,
in our hearts you will remain.

Sleep on *Our Cheri of Amor*
Your children, grandchildren and great - grandchildren

I asked for you today.
Was told that you're in Heaven taking a rest.
I asked where's Daddy,
Was told that you are walking on streets paved with gold.
I asked where's Daddy,
Was told that you sat at our Father's feet
And will see me again.
Okay Daddy I'll see you soon,
But guess what I'm still going to asks where's my Daddy.

Your Princess. Amy

,Daddy
When I speak only you hear me.
My words to your ear, our bond will be forevermore.
If I spoke your name the Heavens would rejoice.
I love you and miss you Daddy. Hear me speak your name.

J - Jubilant
O - Observant
H - Honorable
N - Noble
N - Nourishing
Y - Young At Heart

Now you say his Name!

Your. John John

55:1 It's not a chapter or verse. It's our start to finish.
The unrehearsed scenes. Our memories will carry me
throughout the days to come. The Love that we shared is where
I'll find comfort. Knowing that you are at a peaceful rest and
worries no more, places a smile upon my face.
I love you my Denzel our 55:1 will continue on.

Sadly submitted. You Lena



Acknowledgements

A friendly smile a casual touch, these are the things that mean so much.

To know you are with us in our time of sorrow,
sharing our prayers today and tomorrow.

God gives us the comfort in the form of good friends,
May his peace be with you, for his love never ends.

The family of Johnny Darden wishes to thank
Danielle Glover and Chasity Shorter of Comfort Care Nursing
for their compassionate care for our loved one.

Repast

(Immediately following the service)

3:00 PM

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