

Celebration of Life

CARL "AL" JOHNSON, SR.



SUNRISE
MARCH 22, 1951

SUNSET
JUNE 19, 2023

ST. EMMANUEL M. B CHURCH

1015 STREAMLINE DR. ~ YAZOO CITY, MS 39194

SATURDAY JULY 1, 2023 ~ 11:00.A.M

OFFICIATING: PASTOR ALVIN MAZIE, SR.
PROGRAM GUIDE, TINNIE RICHMOND

Life's Chronology

A Time to be Born

Carl "Al" Johnson (aka "Oilman," to his coworkers and friends; aka "Bruh," to his siblings), was born on March 22, 1951, to the union of his late parents, Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Maggie Johnson, Sr.

A Time to Learn

Al attended N. D. Taylor school and graduated from Yazoo City High School in 1970.

A Time to Marry

As fate would lend itself to being built in accordance with the blueprint divinely designed for the pattern of his life by the Great Deity and grand architect of our lives' destiny, as recorded in Genesis 2:24, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be[k] joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Al's love, chivalry and affection pierced the heart of the love of his life, Willie Jean Johnson, and the duo became bone of one another's bone and flesh of one another's flesh after exchanging the nuptials of holy matrimony on June 14, 1971, building a lifetime of memories, which spanned the course of 52 wonderful years, and blessed with the fruitful addition of three daughters and two sons.

A Time to Serve

Raised upon Christian doctrines and the principles of God's promise to be a rewarder of those who diligently seek after him, Carl confessed his eternal hope in Christ and his soul's redemption unto salvation at an early age. Giving his hand to the preacher and his heart to God, he was baptized at True Light M.B Church. He later joined St. Emmanuel M.B. Church, where he sang in the choir. Two of his favorite songs to lead were, "If You Can't Help Me, Please Don't Stop Me" and "Jesus is My Rock."

A Time to Work

After graduating high school, Carl answered the call to patriot arms to defend the principles of freedom and democracy by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, where his duty assignment was a heavy equipment truck driver. After his discharge from the Marine Corps, he

would begin a lifelong career as a heavy equipment operator for several logging companies. It was during this time that he acquired the nickname "Oilman" from his colleagues, and even donned the moniker on the badges of his uniforms, rather than his real name. Logging and heavy machinery were his passion, and he remained diligent in the performance of his work obligations until his health and his family would no longer permit him to do so. Carl also had a love for cooking and grilling. No one could cook nor season like "Our Daddy."

A Time to Say Goodbye

God, in his divine providence, deemed it in his perfect will, even before the sands of time were formed and began to pass through life's hour glasses, that he would relieve Carl of his earthly travailing and mortal suffering on the appointed date and time, on Monday, June 19, 2023, surrounded by his loved ones. Escorted to his heavenly home by a legion of chariot angels, Al's kindred and ancestral spirit is reunited with those who preceded in reaching heaven's shore to embrace immortality, including: both parents; one son, Jonathan Jamaal Johnson; one grandson, Jonathan Quintrell Guy; two sisters, Cora Biven and Elsie Gardner; and four brothers, Horace Johnson, Melvin Johnson, Arthur Johnson, Jr., and Eugene Johnson, Sr.

A Time to Mourn

Carl leaves to cherish the legacy of his memory of God's promise of threescore and ten years: a lovingly devoted wife, Willie Jean Johnson; three daughters, Vickey (Willie) Jones of Yazoo City, MS; Carla Jenkins of Suffolk, VA; and Kayla Johnson of Yazoo City, MS; one son, Carl F. Johnson of Yazoo City, MS; 13 grandchildren, Desmond, Gwendolyn, Quinntonio, Justin, Wilsha, Dallsa, Dontrell, Ja'Hida, Ja'Cara, Ashley, Ja'Carleon, T'Kyla and Ke'Mahri; four sisters, Sadie Gould of Yazoo City, MS, Minnie (Leonard) Turnage of Chicago, IL; his twin sister, Carlean (Willie) Love of Jackson, MS; and Bessie (Gregory) Patrolia of Hammond, LA; one brother, James (Lerita) Johnson, Sr., of Fayetteville, AR; eight sisters-in-law, Emma Johnson, Fannie Johnson, Lovace Johnson, Nekather (Tommy) Irvine, Carolyn Miles, Janice Lewis, Devvie Smith and Earnice Sheppard; five brothers-in-law, Eugene Johnson, Jr., Sammie Lee (Arlene) Sheppard, David Joe Johnson, Floyd Sheppard and Willie Sheppard; one aunt, Robbie Ballard; 19 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

"When I Lost You"

I wish I could see you one more time, walking through the door, but I know that is impossible. I will hear your voice no more. I know you can feel my tears and you don't want me to cry, yet my heart is broken because I can't understand why someone precious had to die. I pray that God will give me strength, and somehow get me through as I struggle with this heartache that came when I lost you.

Your Wife, Willie Jean

Order of Services

~ ~ ~ Family Processional ~ ~ ~

Song Unity Thru Christ

Old Testament Reading Pulpit

New Testament Reading Pulpit

Prayer

Song Unity Thru Christ

Expressions (3 minutes)

As a Friend/Neighbor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Maceo Simmons

As a Church Member ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Nekather Irvine

As a Co-Worker ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Allie Kilbert

Words of Comfort Rev. Clyde K. Tate, Jr.

Solo Mary Ann Crump

Life's Chronology Read Silently Soft Music

Solo Walter James Johnson

Resolutions

St. Emmanuel Church

Yazoo City High School Class of 1970

Acknowledgments Tinnie Richmond

Solo Jennifer Cox

Song Unity Thru Christ

Eulogy Pastor Alvin Mazie, Sr.

Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends





TRIBUTES

Memories of Dad

I will take this special moment; To turn my thoughts to Dad. Thank him for the home he gave; For all the things we had.

We think about the fleeting years; Too quickly gone for good. It seems like only yesterday; I'd go back if I could.

A time when Dad was always there; No matter what the weather. Always strong when things went wrong; He held over our lives together.

He strived so hard from day to day; And never once complained. With steady hands, he worked so hard; And kept the family name.

He taught us that hard work pays off; You reap just what you sow. He said if you tend your crops; Your fields will overflow.

Our lives have been bountiful; He taught us how to give. In his firm and steadfast way; He taught us how to live.

Dad dwells among the Angels now; He left us much too soon. He glides across the golden field; Above the harvest moon.

We see him in the Summer rain; He rides upon the wind. And when we feel beaten down; He picks us up again.

*Love always,
Vickey, Carla, Fitz and Kayla*

Even though I couldn't stay,
I'll still be with you every day.
Your sister and twin, I'll always be.
For I am you, and you are me.

*Love your Twin,
Carlean*

In Loving Memory of Our Wonderful Grandfather

Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small; To have you as a grandfather was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of low blows softly and whisper in your ear; We love and miss you grandfather and wish that you were here.

Deep in our hearts, your life is kept, to love and cherish, not forget. No more tomorrows, we can share, but yesterdays are always there.

A silent thought, a secret tear, keeps your memory ever near in our hearts forever.

*We love you,
Grand and Great-Grands.*

Family Tree

A limb has fallen from our family tree. I hear a voice that whispers, Grieve not for me. Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through. Remembering the best times, the laughter, the songs. The good I lived while I was strong. Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest. Remembering all, how I was truly blessed. Continue the traditions, no matter how small. Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall. I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin. Until that fine day we're together again.

*Love you,
Sadie, Minnie, Carlean,
James and Bessie*

Active Pallbearers

*Danny Brown
Desmond D. Johnson, Jr.
Eugene Johnson, Jr.
James Johnson, Jr.
James Love
Tommy Irvine, Jr.*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Carl F. Johnson, Jr.
Desmond D. Johnson, Sr.
Dontrell C. Miles
Justin J. Johnson
Quintonnio D. Johnson, Sr.
Willie L. Jones*

Interment

*Yazoo Memorial Park
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Acknowledgments

The family of the late Carl "Al" Johnson, Sr., would like to thank each of you, for all the generousities extended to us during this most difficult transition in our lives. Your prayers, food, visits, calls, tributes, and comforting words have sustained our faith. We express sincere appreciation to the UMC Cancer Institute, and Mid-Delta Home Health Services.

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