

Celebration of Life

Homegoing Services

Saturday, August 7, 2021
Viewing 9:00 AM • Service 11:00 AM

Service Location

GATEWAY CHURCH
160 Cowan Road
Parkesburg, Pennsylvania 19365

Committal Service & Interment

New Evergreen Cemetery
204 Cemetery Lane
Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Pallbearers

Clayton Tinson	David Holmes	James Gadsden
Anthony Jacks, Jr.	Bryan Lacey	Bryheem Lacey
	Marcus Harvey	

Flower Bearers

Aja Jacks	Chantal Jacks	Brianna Green
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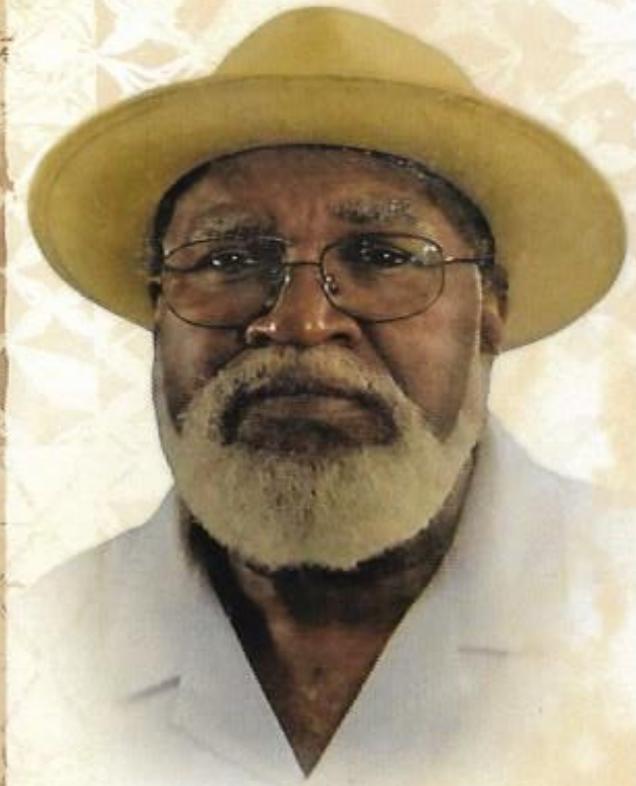
A Note of Thanks

We, the family of the late Rodger Johnson, Sr., thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown during our time of bereavement. May God bless you.



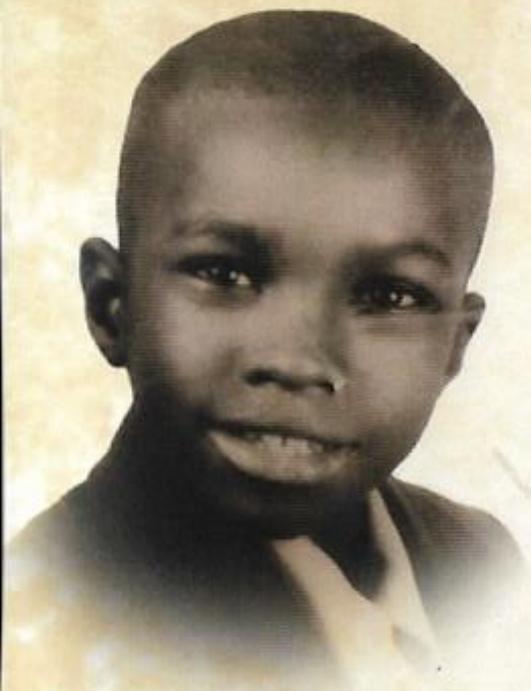
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Minister Rodger
James Johnson, Sr.
"Bucky"

September 5, 1942 – July 28, 2021

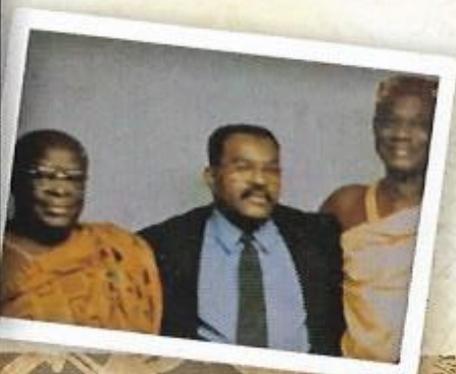
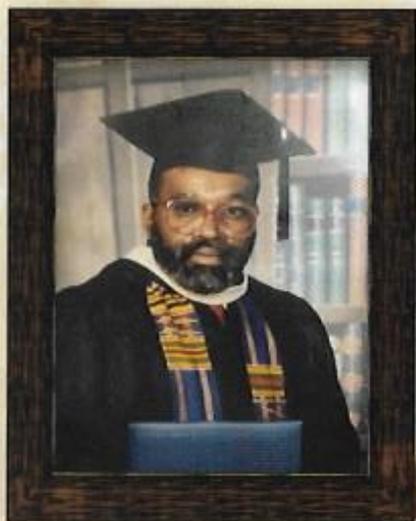


Obituary

Minister Rodger James "Bucky" Johnson, Sr., 78, of Coatesville, PA, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

Rodger was born in South Coatesville, PA on September 5, 1942, the son of Dorothy I. (Johnson) Harrell, and the late James Leroy Davis, Sr. He was raised by his great grandmother, Hattie Harris who was a strong influence in his life.

Rodger was educated in the Coatesville School District where he excelled in football and baseball. In his heyday, he played in the black baseball league for the Green Dragon baseball team, and the Coatesville City Twilight League



from 1955 to 1957. He was the first black football assistant coach in the Chester County Ches-Mont League. After graduating from S. Horace Scott Senior High School in 1961, Rodger furthered his education by attending Cheney University earning a BA Degree in Political Science. While in college he pledged and joined the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

For 19 years Rodger was employed as a Program Administrator at the Chester County Youth Detention Center in West Chester. He also was employed as a teacher at Coatesville High School where he taught history. He also did substitute teaching. In addition, Rodger worked for PennDOT in highway maintenance.

Bucky, as he was affectionately known, was very active, serving on Coatesville's City Council for 8 years during which time he served as city council President. His guiding principle and motivation were building up the community, helping and enhancing the lives of others. Bucky was always for the underdog and always about justice. He did not follow the status quo.

Some of Bucky's favorite hobbies were painting, drawing, reading, and writing. Bucky was a former member of the Elks Mount Vernon Lodge 151, and the Mason's Lilly of the Valley, Lodge #59. Later in life, he became a minister of the gospel

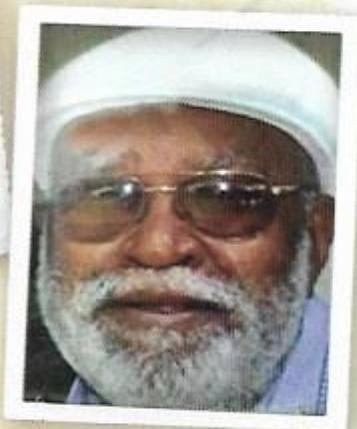


serving at Christian Faith Fellowship in Downingtown, PA, and the Christian Life Center in South Coatesville. His favorite scriptures were Psalm 23, Psalm 90, Psalm 139, and Proverbs 3:5-6.

He enjoyed listening to gospel music, the blues, and jazz played by the legendary Miles Davis. A place dear to his heart was the continent of Africa and he had the pleasure of traveling to several African countries.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Sharon Hunter and Sharon Davis, and two brothers, James Leroy Davis, Jr., and Frank Davis, one grandson, David C. Johnson, and one stepdaughter, Juanita "Neicey" Jacks.

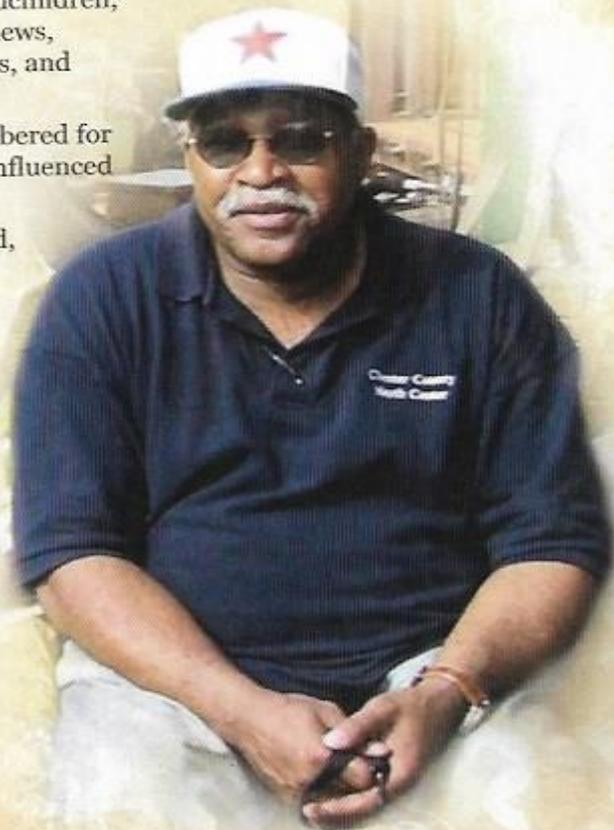
He is survived by his wife, Viola L. Johnson; mother, Dorothy I, Harrell; children; Lisa Johnson (and Clayton), Tracey Johnson, Rodger Johnson, Jr., Stefanie Gadsden (and James), Kareem Johnson, Sr., (and Mona); stepchildren, Maurice Hardy, and Barry Hardy (and



Marjorie); brothers, Reginald Harrell, Ronald Harrell, and Tyrone Davis, (and Delores); one sister, Mercedes "Duffy" Hills (and James); 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and many nieces nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Rodger will be remembered for how he touched and influenced many lives.

Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional *Clergy and Family*

Final Viewing

Officiating Clergy *Rev. Fred Hicks*
Pastor of Enon Baptist Church, West Grove, PA

Opening Song *Blessed Assurance*

Scripture Reading *Rev. James Williams*
Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Pottstown, PA

Old Testament *Psalm 23*
New Testament *John 14:1-6*

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection *Cheri Coleman*

**Reading of Cards,
Resolutions & the Obituary** *Pamela Depte*

Proclamations from the City of Coatesville

Family Reflections

Musical Selection *Cheri Coleman*

Eulogy *Rev. Steven Deveaux*
*Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Port Deposit,
Port Deposit, MD*

Recessional Directives *Ventnor T. Wright,*
Funeral Director

Recessional *Clergy and Family*

Benediction

