

## *Letting Go*

The angels gathered near your side  
So very close to you  
For they knew the trials in your life  
That you were going through.  
We thought about so many things  
As we held tightly to your hand  
Oh, how we wished that you were strong  
And happy once again.  
But your eyes were looking homeward  
To that place beyond the sky  
Where Jesus held His outstretched arms  
It was time to say "goodbye".  
We struggled with our selfish thoughts  
For we wanted you to stay  
So we could walk and talk again  
Like we did...just yesterday.  
But Jesus knew the answer  
And we knew He loved you so  
We gave you life's greatest gift  
The gift of letting go.

## *Acknowledgments*

The family of Gregory "Chip" Johnson extends heartfelt appreciation for your prayers, support, and expressions of love during our time of loss. Your kindness has brought us comfort and peace.



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*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Gregory Delman Johnson*  
*"Chip"*

September 25, 1954 - July 2, 2025

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Visitation: 10:00 am

Funeral Service: 11:00 am

Walker - Mt. Healthy Chapel

7272 Hamilton Avenue

Mt. Healthy, Ohio 45231

Elder Jean Claude Jones, Officiating

# Obituary

Gregory Delman Johnson, affectionately known as “Chip,” a beloved father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend, peacefully departed this life on July 2, 2025. Born on September 25, 1954, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Chip was the son of Robert D. Johnson and Eleanor (Ruth) Johnson, both of whom preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his stepfather, William Lowe; brothers William “Kenny” Lowe and Jeff Lowe; and sister, Penny Stallworth.

Chip earned his nickname as a premature baby “a little chip off the old block” and that name remained with him throughout his life.

He professed his Christian faith early and was baptized at Corinthian Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Wesley V. Maxie, Sr.

A lifelong resident of Cincinnati, Chip grew up in the Evanston community. He had a deep love for music and was a dedicated member of the Inspirational Choir at Corinthian Baptist Church. As a youth, he and his friends would sing into the night, harmonizing to the sounds of Earth, Wind & Fire, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson, and other Motown greats. Chip was also a good dancer. At his parents’ house parties, he was often called downstairs to perform his best “James Brown” moves.

Chip graduated from Withrow High School in 1972. Afterward, he pursued specialized training in welding and launched a successful career with a reputable local firm. Over the years, he held a variety of positions, including long-haul truck driver, delivery service provider, co-founder of a janitorial company with his sister Brenda, and employee at Goodwill Industries. He also proudly served in the United States Air Force for three years, demonstrating his strong commitment to service and country.

Chip’s legacy lives on through his children: Gregory Johnson, Jr. (Marisa), Danielle Nelson (Brandon), and Heather Coleman (Dwight); his siblings Brenda Neal (Odell), Terri Joseph, and Christopher Lowe; and his cherished grandchildren: Skylen, Roslyn, Camden, Ava, Brooklyn, Miyana, Ali, and Nevaeh. He is also survived by a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

During the last nine months of his life, Chip resided at Ivy Woods Care Center, where he formed strong bonds and was deeply liked by both residents and staff. Though our hearts ache at his departure, we find comfort in knowing he is at rest and reunited with loved ones who went before him.

# Order of Service

- Musical Prelude ..... James McCray, Jr.
- Parting View ..... Family
- Military Honors ..... US Air Force
- Prayer ..... Elder Jean Claude Jones
- Scripture ..... Carolyn Martin
- Selection ..... "His Eye is on the Sparrow"  
Lee Harvey
- Acknowledgments ..... Renee Ross
- Obituary ..... Renee Ross
- Reflections ..... Brenda Neal
- Selection ..... "My Soul Is Anchored"  
Lee Harvey
- Eulogy ..... Elder Jean Claude Jones
- Benediction ..... Elder Jean Claude Jones
- Recessional ..... Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family  
"It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday" - Boyz II Men

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Gregory Johnson, Jr.	Darrin Walker
Christopher Lowe, Jr.	Christopher Lowe, Sr.
Jaylen Lowe	Brian Welch

## *Flower Bearers*

Brielle Welch	Sylvia Finley
Brandi Welch	

## *Interment*

Monday, July 21, 2025  
 9:00 am  
 Dayton National Cemetery  
 4400 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45428