

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Johnny RAY
ROBINSON

OCTOBER 8, 1960 - OCTOBER 26, 2025

LIFE REFLECTIONS

JOHNNY RAY ROBINSON

Johnny Ray Robinson, born on October 8, 1960, in Jacksonville, North Carolina, was the cherished seventh child in a lively family of eight siblings. Raised by the late Carlton Joseph and Rena Mae Robinson, Johnny's roots were deep in family, laughter, and the gentle warmth of his hometown. Johnny graduated proudly from Jacksonville High School as a member of the class of 1980, eager to explore the world beyond. His journey led him to Atlanta, Georgia, where his friendly spirit and boundless curiosity helped him forge lasting connections wherever he went. Johnny never met a stranger—his kindness and humor turned acquaintances into friends, and friends into family.

After many adventures and discoveries, Johnny found his calling at Emory University Hospital, where he dedicated 34 years as a laboratory carrier. Compassionate and hardworking, he became a beloved presence in the halls of Emory, brightening the days of patients and colleagues alike. His coworkers became lifelong friends, forming a second family who stood by him through every season of life.

Johnny's love for sports was legendary. He played and coached the Emory employee softball team, sharing his infectious enthusiasm and encouraging words with everyone on and off the field. His big personality was a beacon—his smile, always genuine and radiant, had the remarkable power to lift spirits and spark joy in others.

Traveling was another joy for Johnny. Every year, he planned trips to celebrate life with those he loved most—family and friends. He lived by his mother's wise words: "Never get too busy to check on each other." Johnny made it his mission to nurture the bonds that mattered most, always putting family first and sharing love freely.

The greatest light in Johnny's life was his daughter, Maya. His eyes would shine each time he saw her, reflecting the pride and hope he carried for her future. Johnny imparted lessons of kindness, togetherness, and unconditional love values Maya will carry forward, sharing them with her own family. His devotion extended beyond immediate family, touching siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends with the same warmth and caring spirit.

He leaves to cherish his memories - Daughter Maya (Jeffrey) Millhouse, Sisters Evelyn Lewis, Clementine Martin, Rev. Doris (Myers) Petteway, Julia (James) Hicks, Pamela (Anthony) Rivers, Aunts Bernice Williams, Elizabeth Robinson, Uncles Oscar (Lucille) Robinson, Walter Thompson, Sister-in-law Anne Robinson, a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and Friends. Lifelong friends are Clayton Solomon, Marion Oglesby, and John Gardner.

Entered Eternal Rest, Zanna Hall, and Carlton Robinson, Jr.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, November 8, 2025
Viewing 11:00AM • Service 12:00PM
COOK BROTHERS CHAPEL
268 NW Broad St | Fairburn, GA 30213
Reverend Doris Petteway, Officiant & Eulogist

Prelude

Procession

Selection.....Goodness of God - CeCe Winans

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Anthony Rivers, Sr.

Psalm 23: 1-6

New Testament.....Pamela Rovers

1 Corinth. 15:12-34

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Lonneye Hicks

Selection.....MercyMe - I Can Only Imagine

Reflections 2 minutes

John Gardner • Marion Oglesby • Clayton Soloman

Remarks From The Family • Yakingma Robinson

Selection.....Aware Worship - Trust In God

Obituary Read Silently

Eulogy.....Reverend Doris Petteway

Acknowledgements.....Staff of D.C. Rankine FE

Recession Going Up Yonder



ON THE WINGS OF PRAYER

*Just close your eyes and open your heart,
And feel your worries and cares depart.
Just yield yourself to the Father above,
And let Him hold you secure in His love.
For life on earth grows more involved,
With endless problems that can't be solved,
But God only ask us to do our best,
Then He will take over and finish the rest...
So when you are tired, discouraged and blue,
There is always one door that is open to you,
And that is the door to The House of Prayer,
And you'll find God waiting to meet you there.
And The House of Prayer is no further away,
Than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray.
For the heart is a temple when God is there
As we place ourselves in His loving care.
And He hears every prayer and answers each one
When we Pray in His name - Thy will be done.
The burdens that seemed too heavy to bear
Are lifted away on the wings of a prayer.*



I'M *Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.*



FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family & Friends

PALL BEARERS

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REPAST

Immediately Following the service

Glynn-Hood Plaza • Skyview Event Studio
402 Glynn Street N. • Fayetteville, GA 30214

INTERMENT

Robinson Family Cemetery
164 Erastus Lane • Jacksonville, NC 28540

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The family of Johnny Ray Robinson appreciate your expression of sympathy in our time of sorrow. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

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