

Tears of Strength

We've all shed tears at some point in our life, and we have to be more determined not to be defeated. And that comes from within. My heart was aching from disappointment, and for a moment, I cried tears of pain. Life seemed to be overwhelming with trials, tears, test, and responsibilities I took on... opportunities I gave up... sacrifices that I'll never regret.. nor question why. Something on the inside of me, made me look beyond my circumstance, so I could realize God had made my tears dry. I began to encourage myself, speaking to my inner man, "God has not given me the spirit of fear. He has given me joy, peace, love, and a sound mind, and the power from on high to search myself. And when the tears want to reappear, I won't close my heart. Because, it was after the pain when I found strength within my tears. Lord, I thank you for strengthening me in my time of weakness, and for giving me the faith to be strong and of good courage.

*- Sharon Denese Johnson Williams
(A friend of the family)*



Pall Bearers

Deacons

Flower Bearers

Mothers and Deaconesses

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express our deepest thanks for cards, floral arrangements and everything each of you have done during our bereavement.

Homegoing Celebration

for

Elder Michael Leon Johnson



February 23, 1946 - February 15, 2013

***Friday, February 22, 2013
3:00 p.m.***

***Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
Decatur, Alabama***

***Pastor Dr. Edward Owens, Officiating
Sharpley Funeral Home, Directing***

Obituary

Elder Michael Leon Johnson was born in Sunrise, Tennessee to the late Lonnie and Edna Johnson on February 23, 1946.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was called into the Ministry of the Gospel at the age of thirteen. He graduated from Howard High School in 1965. He furthered his education at ADT Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Elder Johnson served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1966. He left with an honorable discharge. He served as Pastor for three years at a church in Bell Buckle, Tennessee.

God, in His infinite wisdom brought him together with Irma Jackson and they were joined in holy matrimony on June 3, 1989.

After moving to Decatur, he joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church where he served for many years as a Sunday Church School teacher. He also served as a faithful Field Missionary of the Round Island Missionary Baptist Association.

The call to come home was made by God on February 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Decatur General Hospital.

His memory will always be cherished by a devoted wife, Irma; five beautiful children, Sadie (Ricky) Bolding, Napolene Millsaps, James (Tawanna) Millsaps, all of Decatur, Denise Johnson of Nashville, Tennessee, and Terry Johnson of Chattanooga, Tennessee; two lovely sister, Gloria Fairly and Sandra Johnson of Chattanooga, Tennessee; eight special grandchildren, Tyrone McClendon, Alexis Millsaps, Brittany Orr, Demetria Millsaps, and Mirickle Bolding all of Decatur, Alabama; Marcellus Goodwin, Chelson Goodwin, and Kevin Millsaps of Chattanooga, Tennessee; one nephew, a host of nieces, cousins, and other loving relatives and friends.



Program

Processional

Selection Shiloh Choir

Prayer Pastor Edward Franklin

The Reading of the Scripture

Old Testament Pastor Anthony Lovejoy

New Testament Minister Timothy Brown

Solo Sister Tawanna Millsaps

Reflections (Limit 2 minutes)

As a Father Brother James Millsaps

As a Friend Pastor James Jamar

As a Minister Pastor Jan E. Turnbore

As a Field Missionary Pastor Damon Betts

Praise Dance Demetria Millsaps (Granddaughter)

Read Obituary Silently

Eulogy Pastor Edward Owens

Solo Apostle Veronica Johnson

Recessional



Interment

*Sterrs Cemetery
Decatur, Alabama*

In Loving Memory



