



Theodis Roosevelt Johnson

September 12, 1923 - September 30, 2023

Theodis Roosevelt Johnson went home to be with his Lord on September 30, 2023. Born on Choctaw land in Quitman County, Darling, Mississippi on the 12th of September, 1923 to Johnny A. Johnson and Beatrice Fortune Miles Myatt, he transitioned peacefully as father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-grandfather, uncle and great-uncle, godfather, friend and brother-in-Christ to hundreds of people who loved him.

Theodis married Corine Williams on the 16th of August, 1947. They had nine children and two godsons and a goddaughter, raising their family in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Buffalo, New York. His children, Cornelia Ann (Art) Roberts, Van (Juanita), Johnny, Bruce, Wendy Viora, Rueben (Sherria), Arthur Marvin, Tina Kim Lorraine, and godsons Paul (Vivian) Jackson, James Henry (LaVoncia) Washington, and goddaughter Mary Ann Pinckney blessed him with 28 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Elder Johnson was a member of Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ (COGIC) in Buffalo, NY for more than 70 years. He loved Sunday School, Men's Ministry, and singing in the choir. After his retirement from General Motors, he also worked as an electrician and plumber, and served the

community of Buffalo and Erie County as the neighborhood “Dad and Fix-it Man” for more than 40 years.

Never meeting a stranger, and always with a hat and hum from his heart, Dad or Poppa, Grandpa and Uncle Theodis Johnson will be truly missed. But he is forever celebrated for the way he made the world laugh, brought it the Gospel, and made sure he left the lights on for whoever needed them.

The family will receive friends Friday, October 13, 2023, from 6pm until 8pm at The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest, SC.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 2pm at The Howze Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow at Golden Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Golden Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

349 Goodwin Bridge Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

OCT **14.** 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd.
Travelers Rest
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com

Tribute Wall

BR

“ *My prayers and condolences go out to the entire Johnson family with the loss of your beloved Father. Uncle Roosevelt was a true angel on Earth. A wonderful man of God in all ways. You will truly be missed by all.*



Beverly McDonald Reed - October 16, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Dear Family of Dad Johnson,*

I was a member and servant at the same church where "Dad Johnson" had been senior Pastor. I referred to him as my spiritual father and I believe most of the church in Buffalo felt the same way.

Thank you for a long life lived. Thank you for sharing your Godly wisdom. Thank you for showing us how you worked well into your 80's and seldom complained. I am sure you were still spreading joy in the South and now in heaven also.

*Yvette Suarez and Family
Buffalo, New York*

Y - October 14, 2023 at 09:42 PM

SF

“ *Theodis R. Johnson was a wonderful and wise man. He was my other dad all my life! He served as a father, father-in-law, and grandfather to my children. Always family. Mrs. Shawn Hairston-Futch*

Shawn L Futch - October 14, 2023 at 03:17 PM

MP

“ *Mary Hairston Pinckney lit a candle in memory of Theodis Johnson*



Mary Ann Hairston Pinckney - October 14, 2023 at 12:26 PM

HJ

“ *Dad will truly be missed. His kind and gentle loving spirit embraced many along life's path. He truly impacted the lives of all he touched. I shall always cherish your memories and your sense of humor. Rest now Dad. You fought a good fight and finished your course. You had a life well lived.*

Humbly submitted with love, reverence and respect 🙏
Bishop H. White Jr

Herman White Jr - October 14, 2023 at 12:25 AM

WD

Remember him at Tabernacle Church, he was so kind and loving person. Always a smile on his face. Going be miss, rest ur work is done here on earth.
Sis. Wendy Davenport

Wendy Davenport - November 24, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.*



October 13, 2023 at 08:48 PM

GJ

“ Glenda Johnson & Amber Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.

Glenda Johnson & Amber Johnson - October 13, 2023 at 06:53 PM

TW

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Johnson family, for the loss of your Father and Patriarch. His time here was well spent for God and family, and now he can reunite with the rest of his loved ones and receive his Heavenly rewards. He was a dear friend that I never had the pleasure of meeting face to face but, when I spoke to him on the phone it was if we had known each other for years. I will have the honor of meeting and getting to know him one day in the not too distant Heavenly future. God bless you all. Tim Ward

Timothy Ward - October 13, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.

October 13, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.



October 13, 2023 at 03:56 PM

AD

“ *Theodis Roosevelt Johnson was an amazing person, who in addition to being a magnificent great-great-grandfather, great-grandfather, grandfather, and father, also made time to learn about our mission and champion us from afar. I felt comforted knowing a brilliant and wise elder like him with a hundred years of lived experience and perspective was offering advice and cheering for us. But most importantly, I am grateful beyond words and in awe for the love he poured out and the calm and joy he instilled in his granddaughter and our leader, Joynicole. When we say in our mission and on our teams that we stand on the shoulders of giants, I believe his will be one of the broadest and most loving for those of us who heard of him and those on the team who were lucky enough to have met him.*

*With deepest condolences,
Alfa* 💜

*Alfa Demmellash
Co-Founder & CEO, Rising Tide Capital*



Alfa Demmellash - October 13, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.*



October 13, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.



October 12, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *With Love, The Green Family, Atlanta, GA* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.



With Love, The Green Family, Atlanta, GA - October 11, 2023 at 10:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.



October 11, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray* was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.



October 11, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.

October 11, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ Garden of Sweet Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.



October 11, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.



October 06, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.



October 06, 2023 at 02:57 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.*



October 04, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *Grandpa Theodis lives inside each of our hearts because once he nestled himself inside, he never left. I will cherish his love, heart and example forever and always. He was a legend of a man and his physical presence has created an indelible void. I can only hope to emulate his capacity to love and live out loud with uncompromising candor, if I am lucky. I love you forever and always, Grandpa Theodis. Will see you on the other side, but until then...we commune.*
#OneLove KMA



Karima Mariama-Arthur - October 04, 2023 at 09:29 AM



I had a real Godfather. He would call me and prayed for. He will always be in my heart. I'm sure gonna miss our pinto beans lunches. Dad I love and miss you

Mary Ann Hairston Pinckney - October 13, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Maurice D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.*

Maurice D. - October 03, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.*



October 03, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.

October 03, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.*



October 03, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.*



October 03, 2023 at 11:59 AM

FJ

“ *From Carrie, Debbie, Dave & Reggie James purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Theodis Roosevelt Johnson.*



From Carrie, Debbie, Dave & Reggie James - October 03,
2023 at 10:48 AM