



Active Pallbearers

Marland Johnson, Jr.
 Andrew Wilson • Michael Johnson
 Edward Johnson • DeAngelo Johnson
 Dominick Johnson • Carl Anthony Blanchey

Honorary Pallbearers

Marland Johnson, Sr.
 Willie Johnson
 Steven Porterfield

Flower Bearers

Linda Wilson • Charmaine Johnson
 Joan Johnson • Latrice Johnson
 Alisha Wilson • LaNatasha Wilson • Carroll Alexander

Interment

Friendship Cemetery
 Newalla, Oklahoma

Services under the direction of:
TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.

2801 North Kelley Avenue
 Oklahoma City, OK 73111
 (405) 427-8321

"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

Acknowledgment

The family of Lathell Ray Johnson wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May the love of God always abide in your heart. May God continue to bless each of you.

Homegoing Celebration for

Lathell Ray Johnson

SUNRISE
 May 4, 1947

SUNSET
 February 9, 2022



SERVICES

Friday, February 18, 2022 — 11:00 a.m.

NORTHEAST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

3815 North Bartel Road
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73121

Rev. Michael M. McDaniel, Pastor
Officiating

Obituary

Lathell Ray Johnson was born on May 4, 1947 to Carroll W. Johnson and Pauletta Bibbs-Johnson in Oklahoma City, OK. He was the ninth of ten children born to this union.

Lathell was baptized at Tabernacle Baptist Church at an early age under the leadership of the late Rev. E. W. Perry.

He attended Page Elementary School and graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in 1965. Throughout his high school years, he ran track, winning many medals and broke track records. His outstanding performance in track earned him a full scholarship to Langston University. His teammates gave him the nickname "Turkey". He earned his BS degree in Drafting and Design at Langston University in 1969 and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. After graduating from college, he was drafted into the U. S. Army, where he served our country for three years.

Lathell worked for Star Building Systems and retired after 40 years service as a Draftsman. Many of his drawings of the prefab buildings were built here in Oklahoma City, Las Vegas, and other states.

Lathell met Linda Porterfield in 1990 and they married in 2005. He loved his children, grandchildren, and family. He also loved sports, especially Superbowl parties, which included Po-Ke-No and eating with friends and family, traveling, family reunions and cruises.

Lathell was preceded in death by his parents, Carroll and Pauletta Johnson; three sisters: Willie Jewel Blanchey, Arneatha Washington, and Charlotte Wilson; three brothers: Paul Johnson, Raymond Johnson, and Wallace Johnson; and one granddaughter, Lucy Rose Johnson.

Lathell leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Linda J. Johnson; two sons, DeAngelo L. Johnson and Dominick J. Johnson (Debra V.); stepchildren, Steven L. Porterfield and Miaesha E. Rhodes (Jody); grandchildren: Deleseia N. Johnson, Mary M. Johnson, Isaiah J. Rhodes, and Kody J. Rhodes; two sisters, Carletta Potts and Joyce Johnson (Will); one brother, Marland Johnson; mother-in-law, Joyce Johnson; three sisters-in-law: Norma Ruth Johnson of Los Angeles, CA, Portia Johnson of Oklahoma City, OK, and Lisa Edwards of Tulsa, OK



Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Processional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Scripture Reading
Old Testament Elder Stanley Daniel
Eastside Church of Christ
- New Testament Minister Gary Jones, Jr.
Eastside Church of Christ
- Prayer Minister
- Musical Selection Organist
- Resolutions/Acknowledgement Beverly Childs
- Tributes *(Please limit to two minutes)*
- Musical Selection Organist
- Eulogy Pastor Michael M. McDaniel
- Video Tribute
- Military Honors
- Parting View . . . Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.
- Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
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 or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a hug or kiss,
Ah, 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've 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.