



A. D. Johnson

January 20, 1932 - July 6, 2021

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.” – John 14:1

A D Johnson, 89, of Starkville, MS was called from labor to reward at OCH Regional Medical Center on July 6, 2021. He was born in Noxubee County to Pledge Johnson and Fannie Gilmore Miller (Deceased).

A D confessed Christ at an early age at Pine Grove M.B. Church but later moved his membership to Antioch M.B. Church before uniting with Sixteenth Section M.B. Church. He was educated in the Noxubee and Holly Springs school systems. He was employed by MSU and worked for forty-five years before retiring in 1995.

A D was known, loved, and respected for his wisdom, character, and for having the heart of a servant which was demonstrated by his love for God, his family, the church, and the community. Some areas of service were church clerk, treasurer, Mt. Olivet District Congress registrar, and pioneer, manager, and secretary of Clayton Village Water Association. He also was one of the organizers of the Oktibbeha County Branch of the NAACP and served as its first president.

A D has impacted the lives of many by the life he lived and the service he

gave. Although he will be missed by many, his legacy will live on in the lives of those whom he has touched across the years.

He is predeceased by his former wife, Rachael F. Johnson; a stepdaughter, Helen J. Harris; six siblings, Willie James Gilmore, Marshall Rogers, Eddie Gilmore, Thomas Od'neal, Claudia "Sut" Miller, and Cleo Hogan.

He leaves to cherish precious memories: his loving and devoted wife, Clareth H. Johnson; a stepson, Roger J. Hogan; two sisters, Alberta Roberson and Gwen Johnson-King (Dwight) of Crawford, MS; one brother, Sylvester Short of Crawford, MS; four grandchildren, Debra Moore, Anthony McClain of Mexia, Texas, Delvin McClain (Willette), and Roger D. Hogan; seven great-grandchildren; ten great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Sixteenth Section M.B. Church Cemetery

Starkville, MS 39759

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sixteenth Section M.B. Church Life Center
5480 Old West Point Road
Starkville, MS 39759
16sectionchurch@gmail.com
<http://16section-mbc.com>

Funeral Services - Graveside

JUL 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PR

“*RIP, Mr. AD was a true drum major for justice and equality. He will be missed. May God forever be with his family now and forever,*

Peggy Rogers - July 14, 2021 at 02:14 AM

HB

“*Hattie Bell lit a candle in memory of A. D. Johnson*



Hattie Bell - July 13, 2021 at 10:38 PM

BW

“*Bro. & Sis. Thomas C. Ware lit a candle in memory of A. D. Johnson*



Bro. & Sis. Thomas C. Ware - July 13, 2021 at 03:38 PM

CF

“*Cynthia Robinson & Family lit a candle in memory of A. D. Johnson*



Cynthia Robinson & Family - July 13, 2021 at 02:39 PM

BR

“ *Barbara Roberson lit a candle in memory of A. D. Johnson*



Barbara Roberson - July 13, 2021 at 09:56 AM

BR

“ *I will miss you Uncle. you were an inspiration to me. You would always solve any problem that arose when it came to conflict. You were always straight to the point and this is my greatest memory of you. You love your family and the bond you had with Moma is unconditional. Thank you to Aunt Claire for loving him and taking great care of him. I love you Uncle and you will forever be in my heart.*

Barbara Roberson - July 13, 2021 at 09:55 AM

CJ

“ *Chris Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of A. D. Johnson.*



Chris Johnson - July 13, 2021 at 09:09 AM

AM

“ *Arlean Harris Montgomery lit a candle in memory of A. D. Johnson*



Arlean Harris Montgomery - July 12, 2021 at 11:38 PM

AM

My prayers are with the family

Arlean Harris Montgomery - July 12, 2021 at 11:39 PM

PD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mr. A D Johnson; God will give you strength doing this difficult time.* 🙏🙏



Pam and Annie Dancer - July 12, 2021 at 11:13 PM

NT

“ *Norris and Julie Thompson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of A. D. Johnson.*



Norris and Julie Thompson - July 12, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - July 12, 2021 at 05:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
A. D. Johnson.



July 12, 2021 at 02:51 PM

CR

“ I have so many great memories of Uncle! Several of my favorite memories are from my time at Sixteen Section. It seemed that regardless of the hymn that the congregation sang, Uncle knew all the words, every verse/stanza...without using a hymnal lol I remember being fascinated by the fact that he could remember all that. I asked him about that when I became an adult, and he said that he didn't know them all...but it definitely seemed like it lol I also enjoyed seeing him and my dad (Papa) sing on the Male Chorus because they were polar opposite in their behavior. While Papa was always animated and moving around...Uncle was always reserved, often singing with his hands clasped in front of him. No matter how animated Papa got, Uncle wasn't bothered, and would just keep singing lol Another special memory involves seeing his interaction with my moma (Alberta) who I refer to as his "twin." Even though they were born in different years, they were very similar. I loved seeing them interact as brother and sister because you could see their genuine love for each other. In talking with moma after his passing, she mentioned that he was "her buddy," and that although she has so many wonderful memories of playing and getting in trouble with him, she will miss him greatly. Uncle was always so encouraging, supportive, and kind and played a part in fueling my love for science through his work in the Hand Chemical Lab at MSU when I was a child. He was also instrumental in showing me the importance of concern for the well-being of our people through his work with the NAACP. Much love to and prayers for Aunt Claire (thank you so much for loving my Uncle!), to moma, and the rest of the family. And thank you Uncle for being such a wonderful example of character and compassion. Love and miss you!

~Carolyn

Carolyn Roberson - July 12, 2021 at 02:41 PM

CT

“ *Clifton & Catherine Tate sent a virtual gift in memory of A. D. Johnson*



Clifton & Catherine Tate - July 11, 2021 at 09:51 PM

GR

“ *Glenda Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of A. D. Johnson*



Glenda Roberts - July 10, 2021 at 10:42 AM

RS

“ *Rosie Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of A. D. Johnson*



Rosie Smith - July 10, 2021 at 05:00 AM