



## Deacon John W. Johnson, Sr.

May 15, 1937 - April 4, 2018

Name: John W. Johnson, Sr.

Born: May 15, 1937 in Troy (Pike County), Alabama

Parents: Deacon Levy Johnson and Mary Jane Brown Johnson

Residence: In 1954, he relocated to Winter Garden, Florida

Education: He attended Shellhorn Jr. High School in Pike County, Alabama.

He was a graduate of Charles R. Drew High, Winter Garden, Florida

Holy Matrimony: On May 15, 1954 (his birthday), he married Mary L. Johnson.

He was a loving husband and father. His family looked to him for wise counsel and guidance, that comes from God. His children were taught to acknowledge God in all their ways and to live by the Word of God.

Employment: Retired / Owner of Johnson & Johnson Automotive.

Church Affiliation: It was the 3rd Sunday in October 1954, when he and Mary professed Christ; united with the local church, Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church.

He loved the Lord and served faithfully in the ministry; supporting all phases of

the church financially and spiritually. He was a member of the Martin Luther King Jr Choir, Gospel Choir, Bethlehem Mass Choir and served as the first president of the Bethlehem Male Chorus. He was also a member of the West Orange Male Chorus. He was active in Sunday School and served as a Trustee. He served as Chairman of the Deacon Board from 1988 until 1993.

Demise: April 4, 2018 - Health Central Hospital, Ocoee, Florida surrounded by his family and loved ones.

His favorite pastimes: He enjoyed singing with his brothers, "The Johnson Brothers." Others joined in and the group's name was changed to, "The Golden Clouds." They traveled throughout Central Florida, Georgia and Alabama singing the songs of Zion; lifting the name of Jesus. He enjoyed fishing with Mary and eating fried mullets. He enjoyed sitting and talking with Lonzie for hours under the carport.

He was preceded in death by: Parents, Deacon Levy Johnson and Sister Mary Jane Brown Johnson; seven brothers: Clayton, Ben, W.J., Isaac "Tot", Lewis, L.C., Curly, and two sisters: Lee Edda and Jean-Mae.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife of 63 years, Mary L. Johnson; two sons: John W. Johnson (Jacinth) of Orlando, Florida and Ray Johnson (Diana) of Winter Garden, Florida; two brothers: Reverend I. J. Johnson (Betty) of Toledo, Ohio and Deacon Lonzie Johnson of Tildenville, Florida; six grandchildren: Nathaniel Salomon, Jarrett Johnson, Amber Prescott, Saville Johnson, Latasha Luckett (Jack), Gamble Reese; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; like a daughter, Patricia Johnson of Winter Garden, Florida; five sisters-in-law: Annie Ruth Johnson of Garden, Vera Glenn, Ernestine Copeland, Deborah Blue, and Gail Larry; seven brothers-in-law: George Copeland, Reverend Tommy Copeland (Sharon), Earl C. Larry, Clayvon Larry, Roosevelt Larry, Timothy Larry, Michael Larry; a host

of nieces, nephews, other relatives and sorrowing friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Winter Garden Cemetery

13636 Lake Butler Blvd.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church  
915 East Plant Street  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

## Service

APR **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon John W. Johnson, Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Deacon John W. Johnson, Sr..*



April 13, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ *Pastor David & Jacquelyn Harp lit a candle in memory of Deacon John W. Johnson, Sr.*



**Pastor David & Jacquelyn Harp** - April 13, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon John W. Johnson, Sr..*



April 13, 2018 at 10:57 AM

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“ God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you brother in-law and whispered "Come To Me". With tearful eyes the family watched you and saw you pass away. And although we love you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, and hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only take the bless. Be strong and of good courage...

*Pastor Tommy G. and 1st Lady Sharon Copeland.*

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**Tommy & Sharon Copeland** - April 12, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the family, from Eva Coleman and family



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**Beverly Hemingway** - April 11, 2018 at 12:24 PM



“ Sharron Beauford lit a candle in memory of Deacon John W. Johnson, Sr.



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**Sharron Beauford** - April 11, 2018 at 08:38 AM



“ *Lois Morss lit a candle in memory of Deacon John W. Johnson, Sr.*



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**Lois Morss** - April 10, 2018 at 09:25 AM



*Prayers are with the Johnson family and Bethlehem missionary baptist church family.*

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**Lois Morss** - April 10, 2018 at 09:29 AM

LC

“ *Praying for the family*



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**Lenore Crayton** - April 09, 2018 at 10:11 PM

CB

“ *Cassandra Bland-Day lit a candle in memory of Deacon John W. Johnson, Sr.*



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**Cassandra Bland-Day** - April 09, 2018 at 06:34 PM