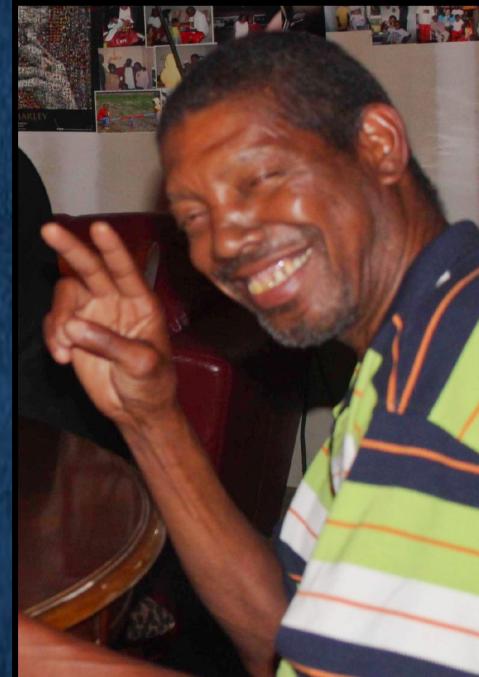


## I'm Free

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've found that peace at the close of day  
  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch  
  
If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief

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# FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



## Acknowledgement

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks for all expressions of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. May God bless each and every one of you.

Special thank you to Len and Arlene Crawford you without judgement took Willie in as one of your own and he considered y'all moms and pop. You held a special place in Willie's heart. Thank you to the staff of Caromont and Hospice for taking care of Willie in his final

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## Order of Service

Prelude (soft music)
Prayer Minister
Old & New Testament Minister
Music Selection Amazing Grace
Obituary Reading Family
Poem Reading
Tribute (2 minutes) Family and Friends
Words of Comforts Rev. Charles Johnson
Musical Selection Going Up Yonder
Benediction



**Willie Earle Johnson**

Willie Earle Johnson was born to Louise Lowery and Charlie Ray Johnson on June 29, 1960 in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He was raised in Gastonia, NC. He left this earth peacefully on August 5, 2025 at Caromont Regional Medical Center.

Fun fact about Willie: he was not given a name after he was born. He was Baby Boy Johnson when he left the hospital. He was affectionately known as Monk, Tuck, and The Kang. He worked as a painter and cutter for Byers Construction. He also worked for Bratton Construction Company. He enjoyed playing card games with his nieces and nephews, keeping up with the news, a cold 40oz and didn't want to miss an episode of Jeopardy.

He was preceded in death by both parents, his brothers Clyde Johnson, Robert Lee Johnson, sisters, Darlene Johnson, and Marie Johnson.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his brothers, Charles Johnson (Harolyn), Garland Johnson (Deborah), Eugene Johnson (Tonya) and sister, Anita Johnson and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and close friends.

