

Tribute

*A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
It broke our hearts to see you go,
God only takes the best.*

*They say that memories are golden,
Well maybe that is true,
But we never wanted memories,
We only wanted you,*

*Your life was love and labour,
Your love for your family was true,
You did your best for all of us,
We will always remember you.*

*We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore,
We did our duty to the end,
'Til we could do no more.*

*In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away,
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay.*

*Our lips cannot speak how much we loved you,
Our hearts cannot tell what to say,
But God only knows how much we miss you,
In our home that is lonely today.*

PALLBEARERS

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IN APPRECIATION

*The family of Deacon Phillip Johnson, Sr., would like to
thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone
calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all
helped greatly during our time of bereavement.
May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.*

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Celebration **OF LIFE FOR**

Deacon
Phillip
JOHNSON, SR.

JULY 20, 1957 - DECEMBER 10, 2023

Saturday, December 16, 2023
1:00 PM

POPLAR SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
6115 Old Stage Road
Raleigh, North Carolina

Reverend Charles Brooks, Pastor
Reverend Dr. Cathy Jones, Officiating

LIFE REFLECTIONS

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."
Matthew 5:8

A man with a heart of GOLD would describe **Mr. Phillip Johnson, Sr.**, son of the late James and Rosie Wilson Johnson was born July 20, 1957, in Arcola, Mississippi and departed this earthly life on Sunday, December 10, 2023, surrounded by his loving family.

Being the eighth child of twelve, he was mischievous but as loving as could be. He was always under the umbrella of his older sister, Estella, who would kill a rock over him.

He was educated in Avon Elementary School and Riverside High School in Avon, Mississippi, as he was in the 1974 graduating class of Riverside. For a child who never opened a book at home or rarely studied, he was always an "A" student. He was very athletic as he was very engaged in High School basketball and football. He furthered his education in Electrical Engineering at R. E. T. S. Electronic Institute in Birmingham, Alabama.

Phil was the most humble, kind, caring, and giving person that you could ever meet. He would literally give you the shirt off his back. He would also invite you into his home to live if you were homeless. His love for the Lord was very evident in the way that he treated his fellowman. He was a hard worker and a good steward over what God had given him.

He career began at CP&L and The Mayo Coal Plant in Roxboro, NC, for five years and then transitioned to Duke Progress formerly CP&L in New Hill, NC, for 43 years. There he worked in several capacities. His last position at Duke Progress was Instrument and Control Planner and upon retirement he became a contracted Motor Operated Valve Supervisor.

In 1978, he was united in holy matrimony with Judy "Mae" Calhoun. This union was blessed with three sons and two daughters.

In 1984, he joined New Hill First Baptist where he remained a dedicated and faithful disciple until his life on earth ended. In 1988, he was ordained to be a Deacon and became the Head Deacon in 1990 under the leadership of Reverend Terry Thomas. He is truly the epitome of "May the work I've done, speak for me!"

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jake and Donald Johnson; two sisters, Lou Tolbert and Masie Johnson; and mother-in-law, Minister Dorothy Mae Richardson.

His memories will be forever in the hearts and minds of his loving, faithful, and devoted wife of 48 years, Judy Calhoun Johnson of the home; three sons, Phillip, Jr. (Sabrina), Marcus (Hannah), and James (Iyanna); two daughters, Dornesha Johnson-Ritman (Keat) and Aquori McCormick, all of Angier, NC; three brothers, Melvin, Elijah (Wanda), both of Mississippi, and Curtis (Benetta) of Houston, TX; four sisters, Margaret Fields of Greenville, MS, Estella Johnson of San Bernadino, CA, Shelia Johnson of Houston, TX, and Dorinda Johnson of San Bernadino, CA; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

LIFE & LEGACY



Order OF SERVICE

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CALL TO CELEBRATION..... REVEREND DR. CATHY JONES

OPENING SONG NEW HILL FIRST BAPTIST MASS CHOIR

PRAYER OF COMFORTREVEREND MARVIN BARNES

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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NEW TESTAMENT REVEREND FRANKIE PETTIFORD

SELECTION | PHILLIP JOHNSON, JR.

REMARKS TWO MINUTES, PLEASE

FRIENDS:.....REVEREND CATHY JONES

FAMILY:.....MRS. MARGARET FIELDS, SISTER

CHURCH:DEACON ROBERT SPENCE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CARDS, AND CHURCH RESOLUTIONS

SISTER LISA STOKES

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