

A Farewell Celebration of Life For

Floral Bearers

*Nieces
and
Family*

Pall Bearers

*Nephews
and
Family*

An Expression Of Gratitude

Your hope has sustained us...

Your friendship has surrounded us...

Your love has given us strength...

Thank you for your kindness during our deepest sadness. It is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered.

With Love,

The family of James "Meatball" Jefferson Johnson

*On behalf of the Staff and Management
of*

Waters Funeral Home, Inc.,

*we would like to extend our sympathy to the family
and thank you for entrusting your precious loved one in our care.*

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James Jefferson Johnson

"Meatball"

*Sunrise
December 8, 1957*

*Sunset
April 24, 2025*

*Saturday, April 26 2025
12 Noon*

Lynn Creek Tabernacle Church
*117 Fairground Street
Franklin, Tennessee, 37064*

Pastor Kevin Riggs, Officiating

Reflections

James "Meatball" Jefferson Johnson, born on December 8, 1957 in Franklin, TN the eldest son of J.D and Susie Ann Johnson. He arrived at his eternal home on April 14, 2025. The family is saddened by his sudden death and will miss his love and presence.

His education journey began through the halls of Johnson Elementary and later Franklin High, proudly graduating with the Class of 1975. He continued at Nashville State Technical Institute, majoring in Business, laying a foundation that would serve him well in the years to come.

A faithful and humble servant, James devoted his heart and hands to Franklin Community Church. Whether setting up, cleaning, or quietly lending his help wherever it was needed, he did it all with quiet strength and unwavering devotion. It was in that very church where he purchased his white Saturn.

Professionally, James was a man of dedication and integrity. Giving over two decades of loyal service to Baird-Ward Printing Company before venturing into self-employment, where he found his niche in janitorial services. Working in maintenance at Walmart for seven years. In another chapter of his life, he ran Jake's Place, famously serving up the coldest refreshments in town.

Although Meatball resided in Nashville when not working, he could be found at his mother's house watching TV and assisting with yard work. In his leisure time, he was known for playing cards, cheering for the Dallas Cowboys, and enjoying his refreshments.

Above all James "Meatball" Jefferson Johnson was a genuine soul that valued his family. His siblings will miss not having their eldest brother to confide in, share childhood memories, and love on their mother. His nieces and nephews will fondly remember him: avoiding cameras, becoming frustrated with loud noise while he watched TV, and his playful way of claiming he didn't have "a few dollars" to spare.

He is preceded in death by his father, J.D Johnson Sr.; daughter, LaTonya J. Johnson; and sisters Mattie Marie McLemore and Teresa Coleman.

James "Meatball" Jefferson Johnson is survived by his dedicated mother Susie Ann Johnson. Siblings Olivia (Clark E.) Frierson, Ernestine (Mark) Holt, J.D (Helen) Johnson Jr. and Natalie Maria (Chase) Dixon; Fiancé Philomena Dixon. Forever cherished and remembered by his granddaughter Angel Johnson. Step-son Dennis (Shawn) Hunter. Aunt Delores (John) Nevils, Uncle Howard McLemore, and devoted Aunt Thelma Sydnor. Host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Devoted friend Arrita Jenkins.

James "Meatball" Jefferson Johnson leaves behind a legacy of quiet strength and faithful love. He was, and always will be, deeply loved.

Order Of Service

Elder Anthony Maurice Johnson, officiating

Processional

Scripture

Prayer

Hymn

Liturgical Dance

Solo

Acknowledgments

/ Expressions

Solo

Poem

Tribute

Word of comfort

Solo

Eulogy

Closing Prayer

Recessional

Pastor Herbert Hobson

Robert McLemore

Deacon Ed Black

Natalie Dixon

Valerie People

Jacinta Rogers

Evangelist Charlene Harrison

Olivia Frierson

Family and Friends

Elder John Haynes

Brother Ralph Thompson

Pastor Thomas Wilson

Elder William Rogers

Bishop Jimmy BoBo Tyson

Pastor Kevin Riggs



Service Of Committal and Interment

Mt Hope Cemetery

608 Mt Hope Street

Franklin, Tennessee 37064