

*Order of Service*

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy ..... Reverend Joe F. Johnson  
Pastor, Rock of Ages Baptist Church  
Tuskegee, Alabama

Recessional

*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  
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*Pallbearers*  
Family and Friends

*Flower Bearers*  
Family and Friends

*Interment*  
Westview Cemetery  
700 Westview Drive  
Auburn, AL 36832

*Acknowledgment*

The family of the late Mr. Clarence Johnson, Sr., acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers, and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each one of you.

IN MEMORIAM

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR "SONNY"



*Clarence*  
JOHNSON, SR.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

11:00 A.M.

**HARRIS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL**

515 south 6th Street  
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REVEREND JOE F. JOHNSON, OFFICIATING

# Obituary

Mr. Clarence Johnson, Sr., son of the late Mr. George and Mrs. Eloise Dubose Johnson, Sr., was born May 12, 1938, in Bullock County, Alabama.

“Sonny”, as he was affectionately known to family and friends, started his family in Union City, New Jersey before moving back to Lee County, Alabama in 1979.

After returning, he confessed Christ and united with Rock of Ages Baptist Church in Tuskegee, Alabama, where he participated in Sunday School, Bible Study and was an Usher, serving as a faithful kingdom gatekeeper toward his kingdom work.

In his spare time he enjoyed working in his garden of vegetables that he was popular for, especially his collard greens. People would stop and ask if they could purchase them and he would graciously give them to the individual. Sonny believed in assisting others in financial need and took pride in donating to: Wounded Warrior Project, Life Outreach, Children Relief Fund, Catholic Relief Services, Jewish Voices, Priest of the Sound Heart and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He knew his time was limited after suffering a heart attack on September 27, 2025, he made every provision toward his journey’s end. On January 1, 2026, the Lord called him home to eternal rest at the home of his daughter in Montgomery, Alabama. He was preceded in death by: one son, Aaron Johnson; three grandchildren, Lakeita Scaife, Tyresha Johnson and Marcus Samuel, Jr.; five siblings, Alex Johnson, Lelia Thompson, Selma Blue-Cooke, Lucille Carter and George Johnson.

Sonny will be remembered as a fragile man with a warm heart and a smile to greet anyone he met.

His memory will forever remain in the hearts and minds of: three children, Sheryl (Kenneth) Dixon of Montgomery, AL, Paula Salter and Clarence (Crystal) Johnson, Jr. both of Auburn, AL; bonus son, Daniel (Shermita) Oden of Vineland, NJ; thirteen grandchildren, Aundra, Emmanuel, Quinton, Mariah, Shala, Cystin, Mya, Quadir, Jhkya, Naomi, Erin, Jade and Ariel; twenty-six great-grandchildren, Drekwan, Quanashia, Avah, Aundra II, Harmony, Serenity, Ja’Quavion, William, Quinton II, Quintavious, Malaysha, Marcus III, Kimora, Markell, Amari, Z’mirah, A’Hayia, Xavier, Z’marian, Z’Marion, Chrisiah, Crysasia, Amari, Tristin, Quinlan and Dream; one sister, Katie Andrew-Calderon of Beauregard, AL; special nephew, Joe Frank Johnson of Montgomery, AL; special friend, Marian O. Calloway of Auburn, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

