



*Motto: "The church where everybody is somebody
and Jesus Christ is Lord, even so in Black Bottom."*

PALLBEARERS

Lemmuel Johnson, Eric Johnson, Keyshawn Johnson
Christopher Wiggins, Charles Johnson, Staffone Ellis

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Family of the late Theodore Roosevelt Johnson, Jr. extends our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your prayers, comforting words, acts of kindness and expressions of love during this time of remembrance. Your support has brought peace to our hearts and strength to our spirits. We are deeply grateful.

-The Family

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

THEODORE
ROOSEVELT
JOHNSON, JR.

SUNRISE
July 25, 1944

SUNSET
July 31, 2025

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025 | 11:00AM
ST. JOSEPH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
485 Rev Henry T Rhim Boulevard | Jacksonville, Florida 32202
Dr. E.C. Gregory, Pastor

LIFE STORY

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
— Matthew 11:28

With deep love and gratitude, we celebrate the life and legacy of Theodore Roosevelt Johnson, Jr., affectionately known as Teddy, who departed this life peacefully on July 31, 2025, at Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida, with his beloved wife by his side.

Theodore was born on July 25, 1944, in Jacksonville, Florida, to the parents of Theodore Johnson, Sr. and Darnell Johnson. He was the eldest of five children and a proud graduate of New Stanton High School, Class of 1965. During his time at Stanton, Teddy developed a lifelong love of music, playing the trombone in the school band for four years.

He continued his education at Bethune-Cookman College, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. Following his graduation, Teddy returned home to begin a long and fulfilling career with the Duval County Public School System, where he served as a Health and Physical Education teacher, athletic coach, and Athletic Director. He coached football, basketball, and track and field, and over his 40+ years of dedicated service, he became a mentor and role model to countless students.

Teddy was also deeply committed to his faith. He began his ministry in the Church of God in Christ and later joined St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor H.T. Rhim, where he was licensed and ordained as a Baptist preacher. He served faithfully as Youth Minister and later as Minister of Education until his health declined.

On May 19, 1970, Teddy married Mary E. Sandlin, and together they built a beautiful life grounded in love, faith, and devotion. Their union was blessed with two children, Eureka and Lemmuel.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Theodore Johnson, Sr. and Darnell Johnson.

Teddy leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife of fifty-five years: Mary Johnson; children: Erroll (Latoshia) Johnson of Crawford, Georgia, Eureka (Anthony) Johnson of Orlando, Florida, and Lemmuel Johnson of Jacksonville, Florida; grandchildren: Eric, Amil, and Keyshawn Johnson of Jacksonville, Florida, Jasmine Ellis and Steffon Ellis of Orlando, Florida, Steve Ellis of Las Vegas, Nevada and Deandre Calloway of Jacksonville, Florida; eight great-grandchildren: siblings: Roshawnda (Eddie) Carter of Friendswood, Texas Reginald Johnson of Columbia, South Carolina, Charles Johnson and Audrey Jones of Jacksonville, Florida; mother-in-law: Bobbie J. Sandlin of Friendswood, Texas; brothers-in-law: Robert (Martha Ann) Sandlin of Tampa, Florida and Richard Sandlin of Alexander City, Alabama; sisters-in-law: Twila Sandlin of Webster, Texas, Sandra Holman of Blackville, South Carolina, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Teddy's legacy is one of kindness, dedication, and enduring faith. His presence touched many, and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

ORDER of SERVICE

Rev. Maurice Gibson, Presiding

Processional/Viewing

Selection St. Joseph M.B. Church Choir

Prayer

Scriptures:

Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

New Testament

John 14:1-7

Selection St. Joseph M.B. Church Choir

Resolution Sheryl Walker

Acknowledgments Sandra Holman

Reflections (As a courtesy to the family, please remember the two-minute rule)

As a Family Member Twila Sandlin
Family and Friends

Selection St. Joseph M.B. Church Choir

Words of Comfort Pastor E.C. Gregory

Recessional

