



Bernard Johnson Jr.

April 2, 1967 - March 21, 2017

The story of Bernard Johnson, Jr. began on April 2, 1967 in Lynchburg, Virginia. He was the loving son of Bernard Johnson Sr., and Mary L. Johnson with one beautiful sister, Mychelle Coleman (Joel Coleman). Bernard Johnson, Jr. married Sonya Artis and to their union were born two beautiful daughters Ashley and Courtney Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. He is also survived by his fiancée, Amy Palm and her three children: Ricky, November, and Kenny. Bernard Johnson, Jr. was a father to Amy's three children for over 8 years and a father figure to their friends and neighborhood children.

Bernard Johnson, Jr. graduated from Heritage High School in 1984 in Lynchburg, Virginia. He earned his Bachelors of Science Degree in Engineering from Virginia State in 1989 as an Honor Graduate (Cum Laude). While attending Virginia State University, Bernard Johnson, Jr. was a member of the VSU Track Team, the VSU Marching Band (Drum Phi), and Member of Tri Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He began his career in May of 1989 at Newport News Shipyard, where he rose up to be a Senior Engineer. At the time of his death, he was the Procurement Analyst Manager.

He was an active member of the community, serving as coach, mentor, activist, and volunteer. Bernard Johnson, Jr. was the past President of the Zeta Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Bernard Johnson, Jr. will be sincerely missed by all his loved ones, family, friends, and co-workers. His light of caring for others shined so bright that he will be forever missed by all that knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

Hampton Memorial Gardens

155 Bultler Farm Road
Hampton, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

East End Baptist Church
523 East Washington Street
Suffolk, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 27, 2017 at 03:57 PM



A beautiful life, well lived. God bless his spirit.

Andrea Chavers - March 27, 2017 at 08:12 PM

AB

*This is a life that was well lived, with family and you can see the love that he had for family and friends. A beautiful tribute to a life gone too soon. I pray that Bernard, May and Michelle will find comfort in the weeks and days to come. He is resting in the arms of Jesus no more pain and suffering. We shall see him again one day. Love to you all.
Azalee Davis Byrd and family*

Azalee Davis Byrd - March 28, 2017 at 09:54 AM



Rip Coach Johnson

Shawna Davis - March 28, 2017 at 04:50 PM

LU

Lt. Gen. Dr. Daniel Omega Griffin, USAR/USAFNG is sending my prayers & condolences to the family of Bro. Bernard Johnson, Jr. but there is blessing that got his name on in Heaven Above.

Sincerely Yours,

Lt. Gen. Dr. Daniel Omega Griffin, USAR/USAFNG

Lt.Gen.Dr.Daniel O.Griffin, USAFNG - March 28, 2017 at 05:57 PM

SF

“ I will miss you very much Junie Bug.

Sharon Fullerwinder - March 30, 2017 at 08:45 AM

MF

“ Melody Franklin-Henry lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.



Melody Franklin-Henry - March 28, 2017 at 05:09 PM

WT

“ William & Charlene Moore, Technique TC lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.



William & Charlene Moore, Technique TC - March 28, 2017 at 07:48 AM



“ Andrea Chavers lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.



Andrea Chavers - March 27, 2017 at 08:16 PM

AC

“ *To the Family,*

May Bernard's love remain with those closest to his heart. May his living not be in vain, but full of God's divine purpose. May God give you peace and mercy as you honor Bernard's memory. Love to Courtney, Ashley and all who were in his heart.

Andrea Pegram Chavers - March 27, 2017 at 08:01 PM

SD

“ *Shari Diggs lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.*



Shari Diggs - March 27, 2017 at 05:28 PM

SD

“ *Shari Diggs lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.*



Shari Diggs - March 27, 2017 at 05:25 PM

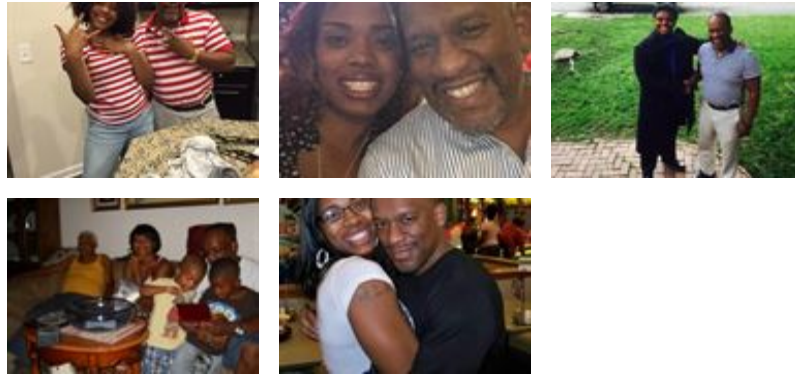
FT

“ I know deep in my heart that God makes no mistakes. Bernard you became my brother when Sonya became my sister. Your kindness and welcoming heart was always a treasure. I will never forget your support during my mother's death. Rest in heaven knowing that Courtney and Ashley will be surrounded by a committed mother, family and friends who will forever love and guide them.
In peace, Felicia Tyler

Felicia Tyler - March 27, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 27, 2017 at 02:58 PM

BD

“ Just received an email a couple of hours ago that Bro Bernard Johnson had departed us to be with GOD. I met Bernard in the summer of 2003 when I had just moved to Newport News, VA from Mission Viejo, CA. Immediately, Bernard invited me to one of the Phi Beta Sigma (Zeta Delta Sigma Graduate Chapter) Fraternity Chapter Meetings. After my first meeting, he asked me was I ready to join the chapter and I said Bernard giving me a little time to think about and I'll let you know. Less than a week, I received a call from Bernard and he said Brother what are you waiting on. After that call, I discovered very quickly that Bernard loved his chapter and was very serious about leading the way for Zeta Delta Sigma and later became the Chapter President. Bernard Johnson was an outstanding SIGMA MAN and FRATERNITY BROTHER. My prayers are with his family, our fraternity, friends, colleagues and everyone who knew this great man. Bernard, you're now with A. Langston Taylor, Charles I. Brown and Leonard F. Morse brother. Thanks for inviting and giving me the opportunity to be a part of ZDS for several years until I moved away from the area. You are missed Frat. GOMAB!!!

*Bro Dennis C. Daniels
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.*

Bro Dennis C. Daniels - March 27, 2017 at 01:33 PM

MZ

“ Michael Z. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard Johnson Jr..



Michael Z. - March 27, 2017 at 01:23 PM

JA

“ James And Wanda Adams lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.



James and wanda adams - March 27, 2017 at 12:16 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 27, 2017 at 11:44 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Bernard Johnson Jr..



March 27, 2017 at 10:51 AM

GI

“ Gerard Vogt, Kingsbury, Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard Johnson Jr..



Gerard Vogt, Kingsbury, Inc. - March 27, 2017 at 10:39 AM

GC

“ To the Family of Bernard Johnson, our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended for your loss. May you be comforted by your many memories of your loved one.

Gary Cherry - March 27, 2017 at 09:15 AM

CA

“ Connie Apple lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.



Connie Apple - March 27, 2017 at 09:04 AM

VH

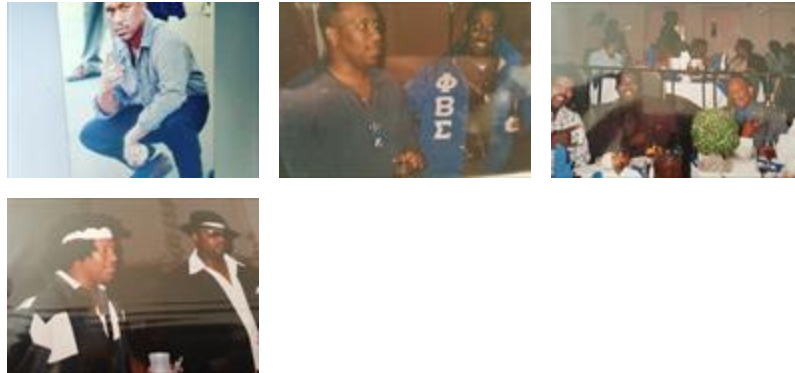
“ I remember" Little" Bernard as he grew and developed into a fine young man. I remember his quiet and sweet personality as he prepared to go to college. I remember how proud he was becoming a Greek man. I remember him on his wedding day and how he grew into being a wonderful provider and an excellent father. My sincere love and thoughts are with his family during this time and in the days to come. May you always feel his love and presence. Many blessings to your family.
With love,
Earl & Vernessa(Pollard) Harvey



Vernessa P. Harvey - March 27, 2017 at 08:02 AM

JB

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Julia Brown - March 27, 2017 at 01:42 AM

FB

“ May God strengthen you during the loss of your love one. God needed a beautiful flowers for His garden and picked Junie. Praying for comfort and understanding. Wish we could be there with you all .May your memories bring you joy. Love Duval &Faithy Burford Madison Heights, Va.

Faithy & Duval Burford - March 26, 2017 at 04:21 PM

Iris
Burroughs
Jackson

“ In memory of Bro. Johnson. May he RIP ❤️



Iris Burroughs-Jackson - March 26, 2017 at 09:20 AM

JB

“ To the family you have my deepest condolences from his sorority sister and friend .He will be miss rest in peace

Julia Brown - March 26, 2017 at 08:06 AM

JB

“ Julia Brown lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.



Julia Brown - March 26, 2017 at 08:04 AM

MC

“ *Mr. And Mrs. Berle Crawley lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.*



Mr. and Mrs. Berle Crawley - March 26, 2017 at 04:06 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bernard Johnson Jr..*



March 25, 2017 at 01:35 PM

DT

“ *David L. Tinsley purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Bernard Johnson Jr..*



David L. Tinsley - March 25, 2017 at 10:38 AM

DT

“ *We are deeply sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved son. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.*

David L. Tinsley - March 25, 2017 at 09:42 AM

AP

“ *Ami Parker Pharr lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.*



Ami Parker Pharr - March 24, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard Johnson Jr..*



March 24, 2017 at 06:45 PM

EJ

“ *Estell M Johnson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bernard Johnson Jr..*



Estell M Johnson - March 24, 2017 at 05:24 PM

EJ

“ *Our Almighty Heavenly Father will give us the peace that surpasses all understanding in the name of Jesus.*

Estell Johnson - March 24, 2017 at 04:33 PM

CD

“ *May God bless the family and guide them through this time of sadness. RIP Bernard!* ”



Cynthia Jones Dixon - March 24, 2017 at 02:56 PM

NE

“ *NNS Engineering Department E64 purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Bernard Johnson Jr..* ”



NNS Engineering Department E64 - March 24, 2017 at 01:43 PM

EE

“ *Elizabeth Emmett-Smith lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.* ”



Elizabeth Emmett-Smith - March 24, 2017 at 11:53 AM

CC

“ *Always quite and always smiled. I will sincerely miss your face around the office* ”



Chante Craighead - March 24, 2017 at 11:42 AM

JA

“ *A wonderful person, colleague, and friend. He will be missed greatly*



Jay - March 24, 2017 at 10:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard Johnson Jr..*



March 24, 2017 at 10:20 AM

KS

“ *To God be the Glory, for we know you make no mistakes, Lord. My deepest condolences to his children and family. My heart is so heavy and sadden as I sit here to type memories of my friend Bernard "B" as I called him. I still can't believe we just hugged and laughed about the old times. I will truly miss you creeping up behind me without notice, that side smile you always give and talking sports like no other with me. I will miss you my friend and your presence will forever live on within us forever.*

RIH dear friend and we will see each again one day.

Kim Spencer-Cobb - March 24, 2017 at 10:14 AM

KS

“ *Kim Spencer-Cobb lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.*



Kim Spencer-Cobb - March 24, 2017 at 09:48 AM

CL

“ *will continue to pray for the johnson family during these difficult times love cleven randolph*



cleven - March 24, 2017 at 07:21 AM

TJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Bernard Johnson. May God's comfort and peace strengthen you.*

Timeka Jordan - March 24, 2017 at 05:37 AM

JB

“ *Julia Brown lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.*



Julia Brown - March 24, 2017 at 03:05 AM

JB

“ *Julia Brown lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.*



Julia Brown - March 24, 2017 at 02:54 AM

BM

“ *B,*

I can remember many days that you and I would have our battles of whose yard was the best, and our epic late night Madden NFL game marathons. I haven't seen you in a while but one day I will, and again we will never have to worry about whose grass was greener because I know we will be where the grass is always green. God bless your little girls! I will see you in the by and by.

Brent J Moring - March 23, 2017 at 07:56 PM

DP

“ *Dr. Angela Porter lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Jr.*



Dr. Angela Porter - March 22, 2017 at 09:11 PM