



## Chief George Johnson, Jr.

September 30, 1936 - March 12, 2026

On Thursday, March 12, 2026, God chose to call our beloved George Johnson, Jr to eternal rest. George was born September 30, 1936, in Durham, North Carolina to the late George Henry Johnson and Minnie Trice.

George graduated from Hillside High School in Durham North Carolina. Shortly after graduation, he proudly enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1955. During his service, he also enjoyed playing semi-pro football. After faithfully serving his country for 8 years in the United States Navy, George met and married Ola (Teresa) Mae Handon, the love of his life and relocated to Virginia. Their beautiful union of love and devotion lasted 63 years and was blessed with three loving children. George retired after 22 years of service as Master Chief Petty Officer. Later he attended St Leo College as he began working at NNSY for 18 years where he retired a second time. Even in retirement, George remained active in his community. He worked at Centenary United Methodist Church in Portsmouth, Virginia. George was a proud and faithful member of American Legion Post #190 in Portsmouth, Virginia. George also devoted his time to doing neighborhood watch for his Cavalier Manor community.

George was preceded in death by his sister Margaret Johnson and Nephew Frankie Johnson.

George leaves to cherish his precious memory his loving wife of 63 years, Mrs. Ola (Teresa) Johnson, Two daughters: Denise Johnson of Portsmouth, Virginia, and Minette Johnson of Richmond, Virginia; and one son, George Johnson of Chesapeake Virginia. Four grandchildren: Shantera Lewis, Kalita Foster, Jayla Eure, D'Mario Eure; six great-grandchildren: Kamani Jackson, Rodney Smith, Braedyn Newsome, Skylar Eure, Jermamy Nixon, and Scotlynn Eure. Three adopted daughters, Gisele, Drew and Pamela; and Two adopted sons, Christopher and Richard, one god daughter: Joyner Stephenson, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

George was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend. His kindness, strength, and commitment to service left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him. The family is forever grateful for blessing us with such an extraordinary man. George will be deeply missed, but his legacy of love, faith, and service will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. Rest well until we meet again.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
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## Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Noble Street Baptist Church  
100 Noble Street  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Chief George Johnson, Jr.*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - April 08 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Teresa, you and your family are in our prayers. Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Psalm 30:5 "Weeping may endure for night, but joy comes in the morning." Blessings and Love. Betty and Thomas Wilkins*

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**Betty and Thomas Wilkins** - March 20 at 03:18 PM

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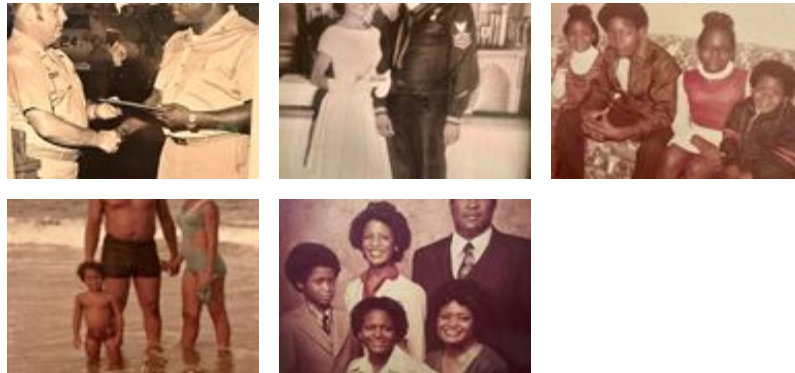
“ *To the Family of Mr. George Johnson. The Patillo family sends you our heartfelt sympathy on the home going of your beloved family king. He will be missed by so many whom lives he has touched. We pray for God to comfort your family during this difficult time. Your friends are nearby if needed.*

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**Cardell & Linda Patillo** - March 20 at 12:49 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 19 at 09:43 PM

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“ Sending my Condolences to the "Johnson family from Nathaniel Watson Jr. [Mr. Johnson] was such a kind man, and his presence will be deeply missed on our street".



Nathaniel Watsonjr - March 19 at 09:27 PM

SC

“ Mr. Big John was my father's best friend. He was around my family all of my life His knowledge, compassion and love for us and others meant the world to us. Thank you for loving my daddy, James Holley, as a brother. I will miss his visits.



Synora Holley Coe - March 19 at 08:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chief George Johnson, Jr..*



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March 19 at 07:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Chief George Johnson, Jr..*



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March 19 at 11:49 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Chief George Johnson, Jr..*



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March 19 at 09:42 AM



“ *Sending my Condolences to "The Johnsons Family".  
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." This promise highlights the spiritual support and eventual consolation that believers can find through their faith. Matthew 5:4*



*Preston & Yolonda Ricks*

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**YOLONDA Y RICKS** - March 18 at 07:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Chief George Johnson, Jr..* ”



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March 17 at 07:34 PM