



James B. Johnson

November 14, 1938 - July 10, 2024

James Bennett Johnson was born to the late Pattie Harris and Nelson Johnson in Hollister, North Carolina on November 14, 1938. He was the fifth child of nine children. From an early age, James was an extraordinary and dedicated worker. He modeled the phrase “Make lemonade out of lemons”. Even with a third grade education, he succeeded in creating a life well lived. James shared two sons (Julius and Jeffrey) and a bonus daughter, Veronica from a previous marriage before he married the love of his life, Claudette Marie Johnson on September 10, 1977 and from this union he gained two more bonus children (Kevin and Benita). James was also instrumental in the rearing of his granddaughter, Lekita. From working for a family after leaving home as a youth to working tirelessly at various construction companies, he ensured that his family had all of the necessities and most of the desired things also. He reminisced often about the time spent working at Craney Island. He sold food such as sandwiches, chips, sodas and his wife would help by preparing and baking sweet potato jacks. Coworkers affectionately called him “Speedy” or “J.J.” and his humor always brought smiles and laughter to those that shared his space. He got a kick out of cracking jokes and watching westerns was his favorite past time. No matter how many times he’d watch the same episodes. He looked forward to family vacations and spending time with his gran and great-grandchildren. James meant so much to his family and although he was a manly man, he didn’t shy away from domestic duties either. He would often come home from work only to work in

his garden, wash a load of clothes and sometimes cook a meal. His best dishes were turkey wings, pig ears, feet and tails, but above all-everyone that knew him knows how great his North Carolina style BBQ was and looked forward to it at every gathering!

For nearly seven years, James was the caregiver to his late sister, Evelyn Puckett, his nephew Donnell Puckett and other special needs individuals. Upon his sister's death, he continued to provide assistance to those remaining until he was no longer capable.

James was predeceased by his parents Pattie Harris and Nelson Johnson, son, Kevin Wright, three sisters-Jean Young, Thelma Lackey, Evelyn Puckett, three brothers-Hinton, Willis, Eddie Johnson, and grandson Adrian Johnson. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Claudette Johnson, sons, Julius Johnson, Jeffrey Johnson (Marlo), Benita Newby (Glenn), Veronica Johnson and special granddaughter, Lekita Sykes (Christopher Sr.), five grandchildren, two sisters Sarah Walker and Katie Simon, a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends and a very special friend, William "Pete" Moss.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James B. Johnson



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 17, 2024 at 02:45 AM



You will be truly missed my friend. I appreciate our times together. Rest In Peace JJ

chuck whedbee - July 16, 2024 at 11:08 PM



“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 16, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of James B. Johnson.*



July 16, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ *Freda purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James B. Johnson.*



Freda - July 16, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ *Freda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James B. Johnson.*

Freda - July 16, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ *Jitty lit a candle in memory of James B. Johnson*



Jitty - July 15, 2024 at 08:47 PM

SF

“ Sarah Walker and family purchased the Divine Light for the family of James B. Johnson.



Sarah Walker and family - July 15, 2024 at 06:12 PM

CM

“ Carl Manis purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James B. Johnson.



Carl Manis - July 15, 2024 at 06:43 AM

EF

“ Sendings prayers of love and comfort to you and your family. May God provide you comfort during your time of bereavement. ❤️🙏

Emmanuel Fontenot - July 14, 2024 at 07:57 AM

CJ

Thanks! TGBTG!

Claudette Johnson - October 08, 2024 at 12:54 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James B. Johnson.



July 13, 2024 at 10:52 PM

CT

“ Calvin, Erma, and Chaevon Torrance planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James B. Johnson.

Calvin, Erma, and Chaevon Torrance - July 13, 2024 at 10:52 PM

RJ

“ In Honor and Loving Memory of Uncle James.
You will Always have a Special Place within
My Heart.❤️

To Aunt Claudette: Much Love, Prayers, and
God's Healing and Perfect Peace be Upon You!❤️
Robin and Family



Rev. Robin L. Johnson - July 13, 2024 at 06:45 PM

JJ

“ A loving father a great supporter and always will be remembered
until we meet again Julius b Johnson

Julius Johnson - July 13, 2024 at 06:44 PM