



Bernard Johnson Sr.

July 16, 1952 - November 22, 2021

Reverend Bernard Johnson Sr. departed his earthly life on Monday, November 22, 2021. He was born July 16, 1952 in Charleston, South Carolina to the late Bernice Johnson. He was the eldest of six siblings, three which preceded him in death: Barabra McDonald, Joe Reed, and Gloria Reed.

Bernard received his education from C.A. Brown High School in Charleston, S.C., Diploma, Paine College, Bachelor of Arts in History. Additionally, he became a member of the Gamma Beta Chapter; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Bernard gave his life to Christ, got baptized, and became a member of Jerusalem Baptist Church in Charleston, South Carolina. He also served in Sunday School and on The Usher Board. He became a license and ordained Minister. Then, he pastored two churches St. James Baptist Church, Hilton Head, S.C. and Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga. During his time serving as a pastor, he led many to Christ. He also baptized many people into the kingdom, visited, and prayed for many sick people, performed weddings, and officiated as well as preached many Eulogies.

Bernard was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Paine College for beginning and coaching the first women's basketball team.

Bernard was the First Black District commissioner for the Boy Scouts of

America Troop 157 at Conner's Temple Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia.

Bernard saw the need to organize a program for children ages 5-13 years old that would help the children continue to grow and develop socially, physically, and culturally during the summer. In November of 1999, The Pine Mountain Enrichment Program was organized by Minister Bernard Johnson and Debra Johnson. One of the goals of this non-profit program was to provide positive enriching activities and field trips. The blending of educational activities and enriching field trips has made the program fun for the children. The program has provided services to children in other nearby towns. For over 19 years, the program has served over 500 students and has provided educational enhancement and empowered scholars to seek out Christ and strive for higher education. He traveled to over 50 colleges/universities from the east coast to the west coast exposing students to college life. This organization won a national honor, the Points of Light Award.

In addition to The Pine Mountain Enrichment Program, Bernard also organized The William Carter Educational Tour, Health Awareness, and Basic Skills Basketball Camp. He, along with his volunteer staff, worked with over 300 mostly first-generation high achievement students from low to moderate income families to explore educational opportunities. Many of Minister Johnson's parishioners from Hilton, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia were major donors.

He also was a former counselor for troubled children, former Program Coordinator for an After-School Program for At-Risk Middle School students. He has served in many other positions helping to build future leaders.

During his spare time, he enjoyed several hobbies – fishing, hunting, traveling, and playing/watching sports.

Bernard met and married his college sweetheart Debra Copeland Johnson (May 6, 1977- August 30, 2021) and to that union he begot three sons: Bernard Jr. (Andrea) Johnson, Dion Sr. (Daphne) Johnson, Jousha Johnson. He also leaves another son, Kelvin Blackman. Two sisters Janice (Robert) Lincoln and Shirley Hart. A brother, Darryl Reed.

Bernard leaves a host of other loved ones to cherish his memory.

grandchildren: Berna Johnson, Deanna Johnson, Bernard Gromov, Dakota Johnson, Zoe Johnson, Maia Rieger, Dion Johnson Jr., Ahayah Johnson, Issac Schultz, and Terence Schultz. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, former parishioners, colleagues, campers, students, and mentees.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - McDonough Chapel
300 Griffin Street
McDonough, GA 30253
(770) 957-4337
info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com

Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

McDonough Christian Church
2000 Jonesboro Road
McDonough, GA 30253

Interment

DEC 7 (ET)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
469 Mt. Olive Road
Stockbridge, GA 30281
(770) 957-3308
mtolive@mtolivebcs.org
<http://www.mtolivebcs.org>

Guestbook



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bernard Johnson Sr..*



December 06, 2021 at 04:06 AM



“ *Grayland & Cynthia Benefield purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bernard Johnson Sr..*



Grayland & Cynthia Benefield - December 05, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Bernard Johnson Sr..*



December 03, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *Berot Family lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Sr.*



Berot Family - December 03, 2021 at 09:36 AM

DS

“ To the family 🙏 of the late Bernard you have my most sincere ❤️ sympathy on your loss. I new him in Charleston sc. he was a very good 👍 young man, best friend of my cousin. R.I.P. BERNARD. We will miss you.

Dorothy A Singleton - December 02, 2021 at 07:17 PM

AP

“ The Phillips family give there heartfelt condolences to the family of Bernard Johnson, our prayers are with you.

Annie Phillips - December 02, 2021 at 07:12 PM

DF

“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with you. We are sorry for your loss

The Dunlap Family

Dunlap Family - December 02, 2021 at 09:20 AM

MD

“ may God bless the family

Martha Dunlap - December 02, 2021 at 09:11 AM

BG

“ We are deeply saddened to learn of Mr. Johnson's passing. He embodied such a kind and gentle spirit. May you be comforted by the many memories you have of him. Beverly Gadson-Birch, Ethel Greene, Nelson and Gwen Bobo
Charleston friends

Beverly Gadson-Birch - December 02, 2021 at 12:13 AM

DS

“ *Mr Bernard I love you and I miss you and your sweet loving heart your kind soul your compassion your singing you were one of a kind sir I played some oldies but goodies on my bus tonight for you my sweet friend you can rest now and no more worries gods speed my friend*

Debbie steerman - December 01, 2021 at 09:13 PM

LO

“ *Would see Mr Bernard on the bus lot and he a sweet and caring man. He would always ask how that grandson. He will be missed*



Lorraine - December 01, 2021 at 01:07 PM

MH

“ *Mike Hughes lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Sr.*



Mike Hughes - December 01, 2021 at 12:52 PM

LB

“ *LaShon Bagsby lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Sr.*



LaShon Bagsby - December 01, 2021 at 12:00 PM

LB

Rest In Peace Mr. Bernard. My prayers and condolences to his family and friends.

LaShon Bagsby - December 01, 2021 at 12:02 PM

RS

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Rev. and Mrs. William Spratling

Rev. Spratling - December 01, 2021 at 01:22 PM

WS

“ *Warren H. Smith, Sr lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Sr.*



Warren H. Smith, Sr - December 01, 2021 at 11:13 AM

DK

“ *Mr. Bernard Johnson Sr. what a Blessing to have crossed paths with you! So glad God sent you into our lives! I will always remember the laughter after talking to you. I will remember the kindness, unselfishness and the willingness to give of yourself without thought! Rest in Peace my Friend!*

Darrell L King - November 30, 2021 at 07:43 PM

HF

“ *Mr. Johnson you will be truly missed by your extended Family!! You were a Great man!! We love you!! Sleep well!*



Henderson Family - November 30, 2021 at 05:41 PM

EJ

To my family , you all are deeply in my prayers, may God give us strength in this time of need. Evangelist LindaRoberts Johnson and Family. 🙏❤️

Evangelist Linda Roberts Johnson - November 30, 2021 at 07:36 PM

EJ

To my Family, may God give us peace, strength and comfort the family , Bernard will truly be missed. ❤️🙏

Evangelist Linda Roberts Johnson - November 30, 2021 at 07:38 PM

BJ

“ *Berna Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Sr.*



Berna Johnson - November 30, 2021 at 05:38 PM

DA

“ *Daphne lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Sr.*



Daphne - November 30, 2021 at 04:59 PM

DJ

“ *Deanna Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Sr.*



Deanna Johnson - November 30, 2021 at 04:55 PM

RW

“ Rhonda Wright lit a candle in memory of Bernard Johnson Sr.



Rhonda Wright - November 30, 2021 at 04:35 PM

GK

“ Condolences to your "Sweetie" and family. Mr. Johnson was a good decent man. You are truly missed and may you rest in Peace. Love The King Family 🌸

Gladys King - November 30, 2021 at 07:42 AM



“ Our hearts are broken, we miss you so. Such a sweet kind soul. Always, singing and smiling. Bernard worked with me and became my friend. I will miss him and my staff will too! We all became family. Rest my friend.

McDonough High School Lunchroom Staff.

Rhonda Wright
Kaye Lewis
Terry Baird

Rhonda Wright - November 30, 2021 at 06:48 AM

RB

“ I'm truly going to miss our talks as you call it about those "good groceries " you singing in the parking lot before 6 A.M. I miss your laughter when we listen to the joke of the day on the radio, you were a great person I'm glad I got to spend part of my day with you,I learned alot from our talks.*Rest my Friend "THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS IT'S THE LORDS" LORD YOU HAVE A GOOD ONE HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED. Regina- 1991*



Regina Brooks - November 29, 2021 at 05:06 PM