

## Pall Bearers

Marcus Smith, Eric Johnson Jr., Durand "Oba" Coltrane,  
Rayford Riddick, Kevin Brown, Dominic Scott

## Floral Bearers

## Acknowledgments

It is with great appreciation that the family of the late William Alvin Johnson acknowledges the abundance of thoughts and acts of kindness shown to us during this time. We would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Major Cooper, Chaplain Brown, and the entire staff at the Hampton VA Medical Center. Lastly, we are extremely grateful for the love and support of Bishop Kim Brown and the Mount Church Family, and Graves Funeral Home.

## Poem

### Broken Chains

We little knew that day,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.

Ron Tranmer

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1631 Church Street, Norfolk, VA 23504

# Celebration of Life For



# William A. Johnson

Sunrise (Life)  
SEPT 12, 1947



Sunset (Eternal Rest)  
SEPT 10, 2022

SEPT 21 2022

THE MOUNT AT CHESAPEAKE  
215 LAS GAVIOTAS BLVD  
CHESAPEAKE, VA 23322

Bishop Kim W. Brown, Eulogist

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

Psalm 18:2

New Testament

John 14:1-4

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn of Praise

Reflections (2 Mins)

William Brown II

William Brown III

Anthony Tabb

Acknowledgements

Media Tribute

Musical Offering

Proclamation of the Word

Recessional

# OBITUARY

William Alvin Johnson 74, went to his eternal rest on September 10, 2022. He was born on September 12, 1947, to the late William Johnson Sr. and Catherine M. Davis Johnson in Ivor, South Hampton County, Virginia. William Johnson, affectionately known as Billy to his friends and family, received his education in South Hampton County Public Schools. He was preceded in death by his son Jermaine Johnson, his brothers Bernard Hall and Eric Johnson Sr., and his parents William and Catherine Johnson.

His childhood church was Gilfield Baptist Church in Ivor, Virginia. He later became a member of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, in Chesapeake, Virginia. As a young man, William Johnson enlisted into the US Army and proudly served in the Vietnam War. Later he worked in the Trucking Industry for over 40 years, with companies like Old Dominion Trucking and ABF Freight Systems. He was extremely proud of his affiliation with both the military and the trucking communities. Everywhere he went, Billy Johnson would stop and chat up anyone who had served and make a new friend instantly. He was a member of First Shot Hunting Club, Vicksville Hunting Club, the Teamsters Union, the VFW-Veterans of Foreign Wars, and J. Robert Graham Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26. William Alvin Johnson was passionate about hunting, anything military related, NCAA Basketball, Norfolk State University Sports, and the Dallas Cowboys!

Billy leaves behind his loving wife of 22 years, Jeannette Wright Johnson. His sisters Shirley Robertson, Mildred Turner (Lawrence), and Rose Smith (Hosea) will always cherish his memory. His children Sonja Johnson, Tremel Britt (John), Jametha Ruffin (Purvis), Jakeith Johnson (Shauneek) and Dennis Hamilton (Felicia) will forever hold him in their hearts. Billy Johnson will be greatly missed by his 10 grandchildren: Chenique Johnson, Stacy Moody, Javonte Johnson, Jasmin Nelson, Jerome Nelson Jr., Justin Johnson, Jalen Britt, Mya Hamilton, Danaisha Jones, and Aubrey Hamilton; 8 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. Billy was a loving husband, brother, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, cousin, and friend. He will be missed by many.