

If Tears Could Build a Stairway



*If tears could build a stairway,
and memories were a lane.
I would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.*

*No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say "Goodbye".
You were gone before I knew it,
and only God knows why.*

*My heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to love you-
No one will ever know.*

*But now I know you want me
to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times
life still has much in store.*

*Since you'll never be forgotten,
I pledge to you today
A hollowed place within my heart
is where you'll always stay.*

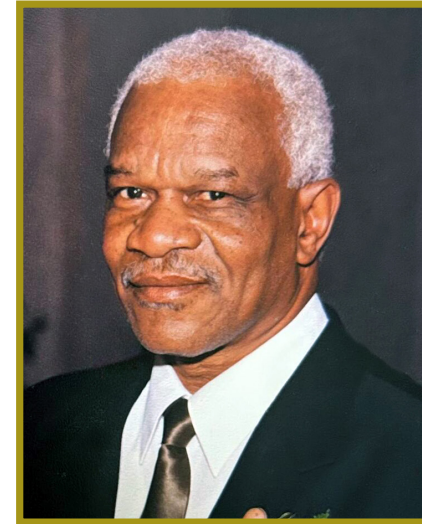
Acknowledgments

Our family wishes to extend our profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, **WILLIAM** will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate his life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.

Arrangements Entrusted to:


BENTA'S
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In Loving Memory of



William Johnson

SUNRISE: MARCH 3, 1937 - SUNSET: APRIL 8, 2024

Funeral Service

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 • 10:30 A.M.

BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME

630 St. Nicholas Avenue • New York, New York 10030

MINISTER JAMEL TONEY, *Officiating*

ALSON FARLEY, *Minister of Music*

Interment

CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Calverton, New York

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE ALSON FARLEY

INVOCATION MINISTER JAMEL TONEY

MUSICAL SELECTION “PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND”
ALSON FARLEY

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 23..... SONYA GREGORY

NEW TESTAMENT: ROMANS: 8:35, 38-39..... JENNIFER SMITH

PRAYER OF COMFORT MINISTER JAMEL TONEY

MUSICAL SELECTION “I WON’T COMPLAIN”
ANDREW ROBERSON

REFLECTIONS FAMILY & FRIENDS
(TWO MINUTES PLEASE)

SPECIAL TRIBUTE CONNIE ROBERSON

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & OBITUARY READING..... RONALD JOHNSON

MUSICAL SELECTION ANDREW ROBERSON

EULOGY..... MINISTER JAMEL TONEY

COMMITTAL & BENECTION..... MINISTER JAMEL TONEY & LAKEISHA TONEY

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Obituary

MR. WILLIAM (WILLIE) JOHNSON, 87, of the Bronx, NY passed away suddenly on Monday, April 8, 2024. Willie Johnson was born on March 3, 1937 in Savannah, Georgia and baptized on May 11, 1967 at The Church of Annunciation. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert Johnson and Carrie Bell Johnson, sisters Alice Marie Farley and Laura Bell Johnson, his brother Eddie Johnson and his nephew Carlton Johnson.

Mr. Johnson moved to New York City from Savannah, GA in 1957 where he met and married his beloved wife, Katherine Thompson of Fayetteville, NC. Willie Johnson worked as a Hardware Store Sales Associate until his retirement in 2021. He proudly received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy. He was a hard-working and fun loving person, known for his dedication to family, enthusiasm for sports (namely the Giants) and his occasional visits to the casino. Willie was an avid lover of music; namely Jazz and R&B and loved to dance. He was also a self-proclaimed handyman willing to take on any task one may ask of him.

Willie Johnson was lovingly known to family members and friends by a variety of names: Daddy, Papi, Pops, Bubba, Grandpa and Grandpa Johnson. His infectious smile and quick wit will be sorely missed.

William is survived by his wife, Katherine Johnson, Bronx, NY; his daughter, Constance (Connie) Roberson NJ; his son, Ronald William Johnson and daughter-in-law, Luci-Ann Forde-Johnson Bronx, NY; his nephew, Samuel Ricky Johnson, Savannah, GA; granddaughter Cayla Johnson, Bronx, NY; grandson, Willie Roberson, Washington, DC; niece, Alberta Johnson, Brooklyn, NY and a host of other nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives and close friends.

May he rest and sleep in eternal peace.