



Mr. Lloyd Joseph Johnson

May 12, 1932 - June 5, 2011

Mr. Lloyd Johnson departed this life on Sunday, June 5, 2011. Lloyd was born May 12, 1932, the son of the late Robert and Lucille Johnson. In 1950, he graduated from Kalamazoo Central High school where he excelled in athletics. He was nicknamed, "Fluid Floyd", because of his talent as a fullback and received a full ride scholarship to Kalamazoo College to play his favorite sport, football. After attending college, he enlisted in the Marines, received several military awards and was honorably discharged after three years of active duty. Lloyd worked in various capacities in the Kalamazoo area, including Red Ball Moving Company and First National Bank (PNC), but he was most proud of the fact that he had the distinction of being the second African-American fireman hired for the City of Kalamazoo, and the first African-American firefighter. He retired after 25 years of dedicated service. Many things were important to Lloyd, but most important to him and for what he will be most remembered was the love for his family and friends, his service to all mankind and his love for the Lord. During his lifetime, Lloyd was a very faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He was a committed Trustee, a dedicated member of Trinity Choir and was involved in many other ministries at the church. As a result of his outstanding service to Mt. Zion, he was selected Man of the Year. Lloyd had great compassion for people and was a wonderful mentor, especially for those young men who were involved in sports. He served on various boards and organizations throughout the Kalamazoo community, including the NAACP, Douglass Community

Association, Kalamazoo Community Action Agency, the Horseshoe Club and was "the captain" of the Northside Neighborhood Watch. He was a volunteer for the Kalamazoo Public Schools and for many years he was involved with Northside Rocket Football and the City of Kalamazoo Softball League. He was highly respected for his tenacity, his independence, his integrity, and his strong sense of personal responsibility. Preceding him in death were his two brothers, James C. Jackson and Raymond Johnson; and one sister, Roberta Johnson. Lloyd leaves to cherish his memory: his three children, Anthony (Joanna) Johnson of Detroit and Wendy Johnston, of Kalamazoo and Michael Lever of Milwaukee; his sister, June (Willie) Coleman of Detroit; sister-in-law, Buzette Jackson; grandchildren, Robin, Aaron, Cassandra, Jevestine, Michael and Marteesee; two great-grandchildren; his former wife and mother of his children, Bonnie Gamble Johnson; his very "special" brother, Donald Atkinson; his "special sisters", Lola Atkinson and Sadie Miles; his devoted friend, Robert Nichols, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends, and, of course the Mt. Zion Baptist Church family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery (North)

1717 Drake Road
Kalamazoo, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **12**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
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Visitation

JUN **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
kalamazoo, MI 49007-3557

Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Lloyd Joseph Johnson



Harper Funeral Home - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Lloyd Joseph Johnson

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Lloyd Joseph Johnson

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ I just found out about Lloyd's passing. I'm sure I don't have to tell your family what a wonderful man he was. I too, worked for several years at FOA with Lloyd and fondly remember our morning muffin run with Lloyd and other friends. Lloyds routine was a muffin and "water with no ice". What a nice man!!

Scott Campbell - June 22, 2011 at 10:52 AM

SP

“ Uncle Lloyd, you will truly be missed. I can't remember a time when you didn't make me laugh, you always had a smile. I can remember you and my dad(Marshall Pearson) hanging out in my early childhood and beyond, and he always had a good time, you kept him laughing all the time. Thank you for being there to share milestones in my life. You were a kind soul and sweet soul, you will be missed very much

Shannan Pearson - June 14, 2011 at 08:08 AM

RM

“ Lloyd was a wonderful man. He was always kind to everyone he came in contact with. He will be greatly missed. I have never met anyone that was pleasant every time you came in contact with him. R.I.P.

Robin L. McPherson - June 12, 2011 at 06:53 PM

GW

“ GEORGIA WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lloyd Joseph Johnson



GEORGIA WILLIAMS - June 12, 2011 at 02:47 PM

GW

I WILL TRUELY MISS YOU Lloyd, ALL THE SMART COMMENTS WE HAD FOR EACH OTHER. R. I. P..

GEORGIA WILLIAMS - June 12, 2011 at 02:49 PM

ML

“ Uncle Lloyd I will miss you more than you ever knew. It was fun waiting to hear and see you over the years. I am so glad that I saw you one last time before your transition. I indeed will miss your warmness and your shy laughter.

"Although you have winged your way to heaven, you will always have a presence within my heart. So go and sing in the heavenly skies--I will hear you when the winds pass by." Marjean

Marian Lloyd-Caldwell

marian lloyd-caldwell - June 11, 2011 at 04:40 PM

MV

“ Lloyd was the coach of our softball team & helped keep all the Johnston women on track for the win!! He's also my sister-in-law's Dad- he'll be missed dearly!!

Monica (Johnston) VandeWerken - June 10, 2011 at 12:34 PM

RP

“ Rodney And Delores Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lloyd Joseph Johnson



Rodney and Delores Phillips - June 10, 2011 at 12:28 PM

SH

“ I remember working with Lloyd as a Rocket Football coach in the early 80's. He was very good with the kids, extremely knowledgeable, and an overall nice person. We will miss Lloyd. Sam Haywood



Sam Haywood - June 10, 2011 at 12:21 PM

CA

“ Lloyd was one of my most favorite people. I worked with him at First of America, but more importantly, he was our softball coach. Lloyd lead our FOA Softball team to many victories and championships. We all loved him! I can only imagine that he will be so missed by many. Wish I had kept in touch with him. My sincere thoughts and prayers to the family. Chris Drahos Arms

Chris Arms - June 10, 2011 at 11:39 AM

 Karla Jewell

“ Lloyd you were loved by many and will be missed by all. You made me feel like a part of the family and I will always remember and be grateful. RIP Lloyd

Karla Jewell - June 10, 2011 at 06:10 AM

AG

“ I had only known Lloyd as Uncle Lloyd....Uncle Lloyd; you were the best Uncle that anyone could have. You were very supportive to me and my brothers and sisters and for that we will be forever gratefully. What you knew about life, you shared it with us, making us the best that we could be and for that we are truly thankful. The world is a better place because of you. You will be missed by us all, The Gardner's: Alicia, Shirlene, Samantha, Bobby Jr., Yolanda, Kristie and Roland.

Alicia Gardner-White - June 09, 2011 at 01:27 PM

AG

“ April Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lloyd Joseph Johnson



April Goodwin - June 08, 2011 at 05:49 PM

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We will miss your grumpy smile and all of our laughs. You will surely be missed. Vance & April Goodwin and the Goodwin Children (Me'Shale, Ra'shale, Vance II and Dawnielle)

April Goodwin - June 08, 2011 at 05:51 PM

AG

“ April Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lloyd Joseph Johnson



April Goodwin - June 08, 2011 at 05:45 PM