



Mr. Charles Johnson "Willie James"

February 13, 1935 - May 6, 2018

Charles "Willie James" Johnson was born on February 13, 1935 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Maerena Chapman-Johnson and Willie Johnson. Charles was raised in Jackson, Mississippi where he attended Martin High School, after which he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After his military service, he resided in New York City for several years and later re-located to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1956.

Charles was baptized in Jesus' name and was filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues at Bethlehem Temple Apostolic Church where Reverend William Rogers was the pastor. On October 27, 1962, Charles united in holy matrimony with Minnie Ola Gary. This union was blessed with two children. Later, Charles and Minnie became members of Mt. Zion Assembly of the Apostolic Faith, where he served as a member of the Brotherhood Department.

Charles retired from the City of Milwaukee after 27 years of employment.

He leaves to cherish his memory: Minnie, his wife of 55 years; one daughter, Angie (Kevin) Izard of Milwaukee, WI; one son, Anthony Johnson of Milwaukee, WI; two grandsons, Isaac and Ian; sister, Geraldine (Robert) Franklin of Brown Deer, WI; brother, Clarence Johnson of Milwaukee, WI; niece, Julia Hendricks of Milwaukee, WI; nephew, Kirk Johnson of Milwaukee, WI and a host of other relatives and friends.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Maerena Chapman-Johnson and Willie Johnson.