



## Mr. Daniel Johnson II

April 21, 1932 - September 6, 2016

Daniel Johnson II was born on April 21, 1932, to Daniel Johnson Sr. and Pearlle B. Johnson in Hermondale, Missouri, where he received his formal education in the public school system. In later years, he completed his GED (Graduate Equivalency Diploma) and resumed his studies at Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC), in Milwaukee, WI. There, he developed the skills to become a draftsman. Then, in 1977, he enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he received a Bachelor of Science Business, Industry and Communications degree. A Master of Education degree was conferred on Daniel at the National Louis University, in 1991. He was truly an inspiration to anyone who had given up on pursuing their dreams. Growing up in a Christian home, under the guidance of his father (a minister) and mother (a devout Christian), Daniel accepted Christ as his Savior, early in life. When he moved to Milwaukee, WI, Daniel united with Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church and was a faithful servant in many areas of ministry for over 50 years, such as, Boy Scouts, Male Choir, Laymen, Usher Board, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School director, Missionary Society and Trustee Board chairperson, for over ten years. He was instrumental in organizing the group of men, who built the six classrooms and speaker's platform, in the lower level of the church. Daniel was united in holy matrimony to Margaret Davis and they were blessed with three sons: Daniel, Julian Karl and Ronald and a daughter, Cynthia. After there marriage dissolved, Dan was later blessed with another son, Colin Daniel. He united with Mary Fair, on April 2, 1983, which lasted until

his death. They raised a son, Charles and a daughter, Corlis. Daniel enlisted in the United States Armed Forces and served his country, with dignity, as an airplane mechanic, for four years. In his opinion, "It was just a vacation." He was honorably discharged, in March 1956. His self-discipline and personal preferences were shaped while serving his country, in the Armed Forces. He was employed, as a draftsman, for various companies in Milwaukee. While driving throughout the city, he would often point out buildings he drafted the blueprints for, such as, Silver Spring Elementary School. He began his educational career in the Milwaukee Public School system, in 1978. He taught drafting at Milwaukee Trade and Technical High School, for 15 years, before officially retiring in 1993. Daniel enjoyed working with his hands, fixing things. He spent many years in the real estate business, repairing and renting properties. Shopping, cooking and eating, in that order, were the order of the day. Golfing was Daniel's sport of choice. His pastime was reading Reader's Digest and National Geographic magazines. However, his passion was collecting coins. He kept the coins wrapped, labeled and filed by date, type and mint. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. Following an extensive illness, Daniel departed this life on September 6, 2016, in the comfort of his home. He was preceded in death by his three siblings and parents, for whom he was a devoted caregiver, in their senior years. He leaves to cherish his memory his: devoted wife of 33 years, Mary Mason Johnson; four sons: Daniel (Companion, Nilda) Johnson III of San Antonio, TX, Julian Karl Johnson of Minneapolis, MN, Ronald (Ola) Johnson of Milwaukee, WI, Colin Daniel Johnson of London, OH; one daughter, Cynthia Johnson of Minneapolis, MN; stepdaughter, Corlis Daphne Lawson of Boston, MA; stepson, Charles Fair II of Baltimore, MD; seven grandchildren: Shanonda McKee and Kaylisha Thomas of Milwaukee, WI, Jakara (Benton) Scott of Rock Island, IL, Laron (Companion, Samantha) Johnson of Garland, TX, Chazz Johnson and Imani Johnson of MN and PVT Kazell Johnson of Fort Riley, KS; six step-grandchildren: Clarke Humphrey of Raleigh, NC, Quentin Humphrey of Brooklyn, NY, Brittney Fair of Kenosha, WI, Domonique

Fair of Fort Worth, TX and Mason and Chandler Lawson of Boston, MA; five great-grandchildren; one niece, Sandra Kiuykendall of Dallas, TX; great nieces and nephews; four sister-in-laws; three brother-in-laws; many cousins; and special caregiver, Devella Lathan.

# Cemetery Details

## Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.  
Brookfield, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Hill Baptist Church  
1825 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

SEP 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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