



## Clarence Harry Johnson

June 22, 1942 - March 23, 2024

Clarence H. Johnson, Jr. was born June 22, 1942, in Brunswick, Georgia, to the union of Clarence H. Johnson, Sr., and Mattie L. Johnson.

Clarence accepted Christ at an early age. He was united with and baptized as a member of the First African Baptist Church, St. Simons Island, Georgia. He served as a member of the Baptist Training Union, (BTU), and The Royal Ambassadors.

Clarence graduated from Risley High School, Brunswick, Georgia, Class of 1960, and enlisted in the United States Air Force in December of the same year.

His first military assignment after basic training was Shaw Air Force Base, in Sumter, South Carolina. There he met and married Thelma L. Maple, in October, 1962. To this union, two children were born, his son Michael, and daughter, Clarise Lynette.

Subsequent Air Force military assignments took Clarence to Okinawa, Japan, Phoenix, Arizona, South Viet-Nam, Tampa, Florida, three tours in the Republic of South Korea, Thailand, Tucson, Arizona, Ankara, Turkey, Washington, DC, and finally Belleville, Illinois.

Clarence retired from the United States Air Force on January 1, 1991, after more than 30 years of active duty. During his tour of duty, he was awarded numerous medals, awards, citations, and decorations, and attained the rank of Chief Master Sergeant (E-9), the highest enlisted rank in the U.S. Military. After military retirement in January 1991, Clarence assumed employment with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was employed until his retirement in February, 2004.

Clarence was an active member of the Greater Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, in Lebanon, Illinois, where he served as an Usher, and a member of the Board of Trustees.

After her retirement, Clarence and Thelma moved to Covington, Georgia in June 2007, where both united with Bethlehem Baptist Church, in Covington.

Clarence is a Past Master of P.G. Porter Masonic Lodge #142, F&AM, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, Past Eminent Commander, Crusaders Military Commandery, Ellis T. Moore, Council #3, Royal and Select Masters, AAMES Shrine Temple #132, and a Past Worthy Patron of Guiding Light Chapter #148, Order of Easter Star, all Prince Hall affiliation, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, Mattie and Clarence Johnson Sr., and five of his seven Sisters, Louise Roberts, Gertrude McKeiver, Mable Ann Jones, Mamie L. Brown, and Goldie Johnson. Clarence leaves to cherish his precious memories: Thelma, his wife of \_\_\_ years, his Son, Michael, United States Army, Retired, of Covington, Georgia, his daughter, Clarise, who also resides in Covington, Georgia with his two Grandsons, Samuel and Benjamin, Bryan, also in the U.S. Air Force, a Great-Grand Daughter, Zariyah Johnson, his Sister, Ella Speakman, of Stone Mountain, Georgia, his Sister, Nancy Banks and her husband Caesar Banks, of Brunswick, Georgia, and a

host of Nieces, Nephews, and Cousins, along with his extended church family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home - Rockdale Location  
1999 Highway 138 Southeast  
Conyers, GA 30013

## Family Hours

APR 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale  
1999 Hwy. 138 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013

## Celebration of Life

APR 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale  
1999 Hwy. 138 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013

## Burial w/ Military Honors

APR 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery  
1080 Scott Hudgens Drive  
Canton, GA 30114

# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ I'll always remember his smile and his infectious laugh. He was more like a father to me than a grandfather and I looked up to him. I joined the Air Force because of him. Re-enlisted on his birthday in June of 2021 because of him. And now I'm tryin to be a good father and husband because of him.

As my family and I navigate thru this difficult time, I try to find comfort in knowing he lived a full blessed life, and seemingly had a peaceful death. I try to find peace in knowing that we are believers in Christ and that one day we will see him again. So until then, I'll do my best to continue the legacy, and honor the name  
CMSgt Clarence Harry Johnson Jr- My Papa.

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**Bryan Clarence Johnson** - April 01, 2024 at 01:22 PM

WB

“ Willie Gean Broadnax purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clarence Harry Johnson.



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**Willie Gean Broadnax** - March 31, 2024 at 07:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clarence Harry Johnson.



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March 30, 2024 at 04:27 PM

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“ Bernard and Shelia McCloud purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clarence Harry Johnson.



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**Bernard and Shelia McCloud** - March 30, 2024 at 02:30 PM

J.

“ I will definitely miss you a lot. You definitely embody what a true soldier is. I appreciate the opportunity to meet you and play around, but you always showed me kindness and a big sense of humor, which I definitely embraced. May your life continue to speak volumes for us. I love you. Rest in power. Love, J.D.

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**J.D.** - March 29, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clarence Harry Johnson.



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March 28, 2024 at 09:30 AM

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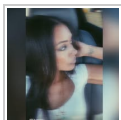
“ I Send Up...*"A Prayer Of Thanksgiving"*...unto...*"OUR ALMIGHTY FATHER GOD"*...in the name of...*"JESUS CHRIST"*...for allowing Us All To Be In Relationship with You, My...*"B-I-L"*...(Brother-In-Law) You were Indeed....*"The Best B-I-L I've ever known."* I'm grateful for all of the times Y'all gave Us....*"Unconditional Love"*...by allowing The Girls to share many Summer Vacations with Y'all. It was Indeed A Wonderful Blessing to Us All. *"Rest-In-Peace."* Blessings, Peace & Forever Love, ~wmw~ (Wonda Dianne Maple Williams)... (AKA...Wonda D.)

Wonda Williams - March 28, 2024 at 12:27 AM

CE

“ Thank you for being the best Uncle ever!! I will never forget the memories of you laughing, dancing to James Brown and being the life of the party at any family gathering. I appreciate the lessons in life that you instilled in me and thank you for being an awesome role model. Love you always. Cheresa

Cheresa Edmond - March 27, 2024 at 04:12 PM



*I'm glad God gave me the chance to meet you and that you was able to meet your Great Grandkids Amiyah and Joshua as well. I will always have you in my Heart. You was the funniest and sweetest man ever. I wish we would had more time with you. Rest in peace Sir. We miss you and will always love you. ❤️*

An Gel - March 27, 2024 at 09:20 PM