

CELEBRATION of Life

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid
you see.

I took His hand when I heard him
call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day

To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way

I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss

Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of

sorrow

I wish you the sunshine of

tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much

Good friends, good times, a loved

one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and peace to thee

God wanted me now; He set me free.



Mr.
**Benjamin
Johnson**
"BJ"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018, 11:00A.M.

VISITATION 10:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

BAUCOM'S PRECIOUS MEMORIES SERVICES

199 Jamestown Mall
Florissant, MO 63034

DEACON BERRY COSEY, Officiating

Life Reflections

On November 20, 1932, **BENJAMIN JOHNSON** was born to the union of Tom and Nebraska Johnson in Quitman County Mississippi. Both parents and all of his siblings, Ruth, Louise, Eloise, Cora, Josephine, and his only brother, Tom Johnson, and his son, Benjamin Jr., as well as his two grandsons, Kendrick Autman, Quincy Lee Allen, and a granddaughter, Latasha Autman, all preceded him in death.

In 1951, Benjamin (BJ) married Lee Brown. To this union was born three children. Later on in 1960, he married Ellen Wilson and to this union was born two children.

Benjamin Johnson (also known as BJ to everyone who knew him) passed away peacefully on January 31, 2018 at his home in Chicago. BJ was always such a cheerful person. He had such a way about himself that stood out. He was a sharp dresser (cool papa he was). With his fast talking tongue, he always left you wondering what in the world did he just say... BJ's infectious laughter left you with such a warm feeling of joy. These tangible characteristics are what we will hold the most in our hearts forever more. BJ was a dear beloved father and grandfather. He truly was a one-of-a-kind guy.

Benjamin leaves to cherish his memories: his children, Grady (Carolyn), Rebecca (Becky) and Lee Henry, from St. Louis, MO; Paula Johnson and Dennis Johnson, both from Mississippi. Benjamin also leaves behind twenty grandchildren, a host of great grandchildren, as well as a host of great great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends who loved him dearly.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. Revelation 21:4-5

Order of Service

Prelude

Soft Music

Scripture Reading *Old & New Testament*

Prayer

Solo

Bobby Nunley-Strong, Step Daughter

Expressions *(2 minutes)*

Acknowledgement & Condolences

Poem

Orlantha Mckay, Granddaughter

Life Reflections *(Read Silently with Soft Music)*

Eulogy

Deacon Berry Cosey

Benediction

Cremation

Weep Not For Me

Weep not for me though I have gone into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long upon my soul's sweet fight

I am at peace, my soul's at rest. There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed for all those many years

There is no pain, I suffer not. The fear is now all gone

Put now these things out of your thoughts. In your memory I live on

Remember not my fight for breath. Remember not the strife

Please do not dwell upon my death. But celebrate my life

Thank You

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece, If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words As any friends could say,

Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us this day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much, Whatever the part.

The family of BENJAMIN JOHNSON would like to say Thank You!



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