



## Elder Billy Ray Johnson

March 25, 1948 - July 7, 2019

Billy Ray Johnson was born on March 25, 1948, to the late Clarence V. Johnson and the late Sally Mae Johnson.

He passed away at his home on Sunday, July 7, 2019

He was a 1967 graduate of Miles High School in Union City, Tennessee. He was a successful self-accomplished Architect and Licensed Contractor. His work was well known through new home construction, remodeling of homes and churches.

He was the lead sub-contractor for Taco Bell and Applebee's Restaurant in Union City and Dyersburg, Tennessee.

He played the lead guitar and was an occasional vocalist for an R&B Band called The Fabulous Verbs.

He married Julia Ann Cole on May 6, 1967 and to this union Rosalyn D. Johnson and Byron L. Johnson were born.

He was preceded in death by siblings; Clarence Johnson, Virginia Ward, Walter Johnson, Evelyn Ward, Helen Perry, Robert Johnson and Wilbert Johnson.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 52 years; Julia Ann Cole Johnson, his children; Rosalyn D. Johnson of Chicago, Illinois and Byron L. (Samantha) Johnson of Hermitage, Tennessee; his siblings; Elder Richard (Florence) Johnson, John Johnson, Inez (Terry) Mayberry, Linda (Charles) Mayberry all of Union City, Tennessee and Mary Alice (Roland) Warford of Toledo, Ohio; sisters-in-law: Maxine Johnson, Mother Lilly Johnson and Verdell Johnson; brothers-in law: James Ward ; six grandchildren: Justin (Crissy) Johnson of Antioch, Tennessee, Branden Johnson of Chicago, Illinois, Nakwon Cockrill, Jada Johnson and Byron Miles Johnson all of Hermitage, Tennessee; six great-grandchildren: Amya Cobbins, Anesa Cobbins, Clarence Cobbins, Jayden Johnson, Jayce Johnson all of Antioch, Tennessee and Andrew Johnson of Chicago, IL; two god-children: Nicole and Nicholas Kenton both of Union City, Tennessee and host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Eastview Cemetery

311 South Sunswept Street  
Union City , TN 38261

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Greater Bethel Church Of God In Christ  
805 East Gibbs Street  
Union City , TN 38261

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elder Billy Ray Johnson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *I know some time has passed but memories are forever. Julia you and your family have all the love I can give. You and the Johnson family have loved me and have been my family my whole life. My first and only motorcycle ride was with Elder Billy Ray Johnson! LOL You were and still is ( inside one out ) one of the most beautiful persons I know. Thank you for your many years of love and support. You and your family are forever in my heart and my prayers. Time seems to be pasting so quick and we can never forget to tell each other how much we love one another. I love you and you pray for me and I will surely pray for you!*



Jimie Blair - April 14, 2020 at 11:48 PM



“ *Otonda Felton lit a candle in memory of Elder Billy Ray Johnson*



Otonda Felton - July 11, 2019 at 06:32 AM

PA

“ *Condolences to the Johnson family. May God give you comfort and peace that you seek. May Billy's soul rest in peace. Love you!*  
*Cousin Phyllis*

Phyllis Adkisson-Smith - July 11, 2019 at 02:15 AM

PA

“ *Phyllis Adkisson-Smith lit a candle in memory of Elder Billy Ray Johnson*



Phyllis Adkisson-Smith - July 11, 2019 at 02:07 AM

JA

“ *James & Shirley Sanders Harvest, Alabama lit a candle in memory of Elder Billy Ray Johnson*



James & Shirley Sanders Harvest, Alabama - July 10, 2019 at 11:08 PM

LP

“ *I will always remember Mr. Johnson kind and gentle spirit. I met Mr. Johnson 18 years ago visiting his son Byron and checking on his newly built home in Hermitage Tn. He always had a smile and warm welcome with a firm hand shake for me from that day on. It's amazing, because although there was never much conversation other than "how are you doing," it was his spirit that said it all. I'm so thankful to have met him. To God be the glory!*



Lavan B. Thomas, pastor - July 10, 2019 at 02:02 PM

LG

“ Great man and long time friend and co-worker. My condolences to the special family.

Leroy Gentry - July 10, 2019 at 09:36 AM

SW

“ Beloved Uncle

Shirley Beene Williams - July 10, 2019 at 01:17 AM

TJ

“ Teri Johnson lit a candle in memory of Elder Billy Ray Johnson



Teri Johnson - July 09, 2019 at 11:53 PM

RJ

“ Richard & Florence Johnson lit a candle in memory of Elder Billy Ray Johnson



Richard & Florence johnson - July 09, 2019 at 09:43 PM

PD

“ Pamela Mosley Davis lit a candle in memory of Elder Billy Ray Johnson



Pamela Mosley Davis - July 09, 2019 at 06:42 PM

TM

“ Timothy Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Elder Billy Ray Johnson



Timothy Mayberry - July 09, 2019 at 05:56 PM

IM

“ Inez Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Elder Billy Ray Johnson



Inez Mayberry - July 09, 2019 at 05:55 PM

KM

“ Karen Mayberry lit a candle in memory of Elder Billy Ray Johnson



Karen Mayberry - July 09, 2019 at 12:56 PM

AS

“ Anthony Davis Sr lit a candle in memory of Elder Billy Ray Johnson



Anthony Davis Sr - July 08, 2019 at 06:57 PM

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Anthony Davis Sr - July 08, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ Floriene Booth lit a candle in memory of Elder Billy Ray Johnson



Floriene Booth - July 07, 2019 at 10:17 PM

JA

Loved to hear those JOHNSON MEN on those instruments at Greater Bethel C.O.G.I.C..Anointed musicians SECOND TO NONE.. Billy Ray and his God Given Gift will be missed..our condolences. LaVele & Shirl

James & Shirley Sanders Harvest, Alabama - July 10, 2019 at 11:06 PM