

CELEBRATING  
THE  
*Life*  
OF



SUNRISE:  
DECEMBER 22, 1950

SUNSET:  
APRIL 10, 2021

*Wonzie Lee*  
*Johnson, Jr.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

WAKE: 10:00 A.M.      FUNERAL: 11:00 A.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CONGREGATIONAL  
1613 W WASHINGTON BLVD  
CHICAGO, IL 60612

REV. DONALD SMITH, OFFICATING MINISTER  
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# REMEMBERING

## Wonzie Lee Johnson, Jr.



*Deacon Wonzie Johnson, Jr. (also known as "Lee") was born December 22, 1950, in Chicago, IL to Wonzie Johnson, Sr. and Doris (Branch) Johnson. To this union, three children were born. He had two sisters, Audrey Page, the elder sister, and Laverne Johnson, the younger sister.*

*He accepted Christ at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church before moving his membership to First Baptist Congregational Church. He was a member of Fellowship Team #1, the Deacon's Ministry, the Sanctuary Choir, the Male Chorus, and the Sunday School Class for Team #1. He loved singing bass with the various choirs and looked forward to singing Handel's Messiah in December each year.*

*Dea. Johnson attended Sumner Grammar School as a child and graduated from Marshall High School where he enjoyed throwing shotput on the track and field team, participating in the drum and bugle corp. He attended Wright College where he met and later married Linda Richmond. To this union two children were born, Darrell and Leslie Johnson. He enjoyed spending time with his wife and children as well his sisters Audrey and Laverne. He continued his education at DeVry University where he got his Associates Degree in Engineering Systems.*


*Dea. Johnson worked at City of Chicago (Animal Control) and General Telephone & Electronics Corp as a Line Electrician. Company layoffs led to him changing careers and becoming a Boiler Engineer for CPS high schools until he retired in 2010 as an engineer at Deneen Elementary School. He enjoyed Jazz and Gospel music as well as spirituals and anthems.*

*Dea. Johnson made a sudden transition to Heaven early Saturday morning, April 10, 2021 at Loyola University Medical Center.*

*He was preceded in death by his mother, Doris (Branch) Johnson; father, Wonzie Johnson, Sr.; and his niece, Sabrina Page.*

*He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving wife of 44 years, Deaconess Linda Johnson; two children, Darrell (Mary) Johnson, and Leslie (Jacqui) Johnson; two sisters, Audrey Page, and Laverne Johnson; nephew, Brandon (Rheba) Johnson; and a host of other nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, relatives, and friends.*

# Order of Celebration



<i>Prelude</i> .....	<i>Arthur Griffin, Jr.</i>
<i>Devotional Sentence</i> .....	<i>A Minister</i>
<i>Scripture "II Corinthians 5:1-8"</i> .....	<i>A Minister</i>
<i>Invocation</i> .....	<i>A Minister</i>
<i>Selection</i> .....	<i>FBCC Ensemble</i>
<i>Acknowledgement of Cards, Condolences &amp; Resolutions</i> .....	<i>Sis. Karen Archer</i>
<i>Obituary</i> .....	<i>Sis. Karen Archer</i>
<i>Words of Comfort (2 mins. please)</i> .....	<i>Rev. Carolyn Lewis</i> <i>Elder Michael Allen, PLGWC</i> <i>Deacon Ronald Bell</i>
<i>Selection</i> .....	<i>Sis. Sharon Richmond</i>
<i>Eulogy</i> .....	<i>Rev. Donald L. Smith</i> <i>"Present With The Lord"</i> <i>"II Corinthians 5:1-8"</i>
<i>Invitation</i> .....	<i>FBCC Ensemble</i>
<i>Benediction</i> .....	<i>The Minister</i>
<i>Recessional</i> .....	<i>The Family</i>
<i>Postlude</i> .....	<i>The Organist</i>

## *Interment*

*Oakridge Cemetery*  
*4301 W Roosevelt Rd*  
*Hillside, IL 60162*



# Photo Memories



Wonzie Lee  
Johnson, Jr.





*Forever In  
Our Hearts*



# Tribute of Love

*“Wonzie was a living example of what it means to grow. He started life with a little and gave his family plenty. He went from minimal education to being an engineer. He grew from a little boy to 6’3. His Christian growth and faith led to him becoming a deacon. He went from speaking in low tones to praying out loud for all to hear. He went from sadness and hardship to lighting up the world with his smile. We are inspired by his ability to move when so many of us chose to stand still. We will be committed everyday to making the most of his love, his sacrifice, and his perseverance.”*

**- From the Family**



# Pallbearers

Isaac Herbert  
Jason Patterson  
Jason Palmer

Jay Richmond  
Darrell Johnson  
Brandon Johnson

## I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
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 or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I've now found peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys,  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with the times of sorrow  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all to brief  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now – He set me free.*

## Acknowledgement

*The family of Deacon Wonzie Lee Johnson, Jr. truly appreciates your prayers, cards, kind expressions of love, hugs, calls, texts, Facebook messages, emails of strength and support, and words of comfort and encouragement. May God bless you and keep you and cause His face to shine upon you. May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace!*

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