

*"No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor is the reward for what they gave"*

*Family Acknowledgement*

*Dee, Sonja, Candace and family wish to acknowledge with a grateful heart and deepest appreciation the many thoughts, prayers and expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this most difficult time.*

**Honorary Flower Bearers:**

Ingrid Boderick  
Gwendolyn Colter  
Mattie Finch  
Cheri McConnell  
Chikira Nunn  
Sharla Savage

**Honorary Pallbearers:**

Kevin Boderick  
Donald Edwards  
Will Finch  
Darren McConnell  
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# HOME GOING CELEBRATION

## For

# Christopher Douglas Johnson



**Sunrise**

**November 6, 1968**

**Sunset**

**February 1, 2020**

***Sunday, February 9, 2020***

***2:00 PM***

**Bennie Blakely Jr. Memorial Chapel**

**714 East Franklin Street**

***Monroe, North Carolina 28110***

**Rev. John Jemalle Kirkpatrick IV- Officiating**

The Order of Service

Processional

Selection.....*Center of My Joy*.....Richard Smallwood

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31  
New Testament: Ephesians 6:12-18

Prayer of Comfort.....Eric Coleman  
True Life Fellowship Church, Matthews, NC

Selection.....*You Called Me Friend*.....Fred Hammond

Condolences to the Family.....Sharla Savage

Remarks.....Will and Mattie Finch  
*Other individuals may speak at this time but please limit remarks to two (2) minutes.*

Selection.....*You're Steps are Ordered*.....Fred Hammond

Words of Comfort.....Pastor DaVon Alexander  
True Life Fellowship Church, Matthews, NC

Selection.....MISTA Johnson.....MISTA JOHNSON

Recessional.....Funeral Director In Charge



OBITUARY

Christopher Douglas Johnson was born to the late Willie Claude and Claudette (Edwards) Johnson in Manhattan, NY on November 6, 1968 and went home to be with The Most High on Saturday, February 1, 2020 in North Carolina.

Chris grew up in the Bronx, NY and always had an artistic spirit. He was self taught and learned to draw as a child. He was so good at it that he decided to apply to the Fiorello H. LaGuardia School for Music and Art in New York, and was accepted for art on his first application. He was graduated from LaGuardia in 1986, but not before catching the urge to delve into music. Music is where he found his passion, his peace, his gift.

He then, attended Herbert H Lehman College in the Bronx, while following in his big sister’s (Sonja) footsteps and began working for the National Football League headquarters in NY, in the properties division as an offices services assistant but the spirit of music and art never left him.

Because he was an artist at his core, he also excelled at poetry in the form of rap. He began writing as well as networking within the world of hip-hop and met people that also believed in his talent. In 1990, he connected with Krazie Noise Records and created his first single “*Is It Good To Ya*”, under the moniker, C-Money. Chris was proud of this work so much that he decided to dive more into making the music for his own prolific lyrics. Chris gained respect from the industry and changed his moniker to *MISTA JOHNSON*. *MISTA JOHNSON* became his brand, his life. He started a company, produced and published music that has been on the Reverb charts for years. Songs like *MISTA JOHNSON, I Am, Everythang For a Reezun*, etc. He was consistently making new music. Even he and his sister Candace, worked on a remix to the Beatles hit song *Yesterday*, which was “fire”, by the way. We are surprised that he didn’t change his first name to MISTA because everyone called him *MISTA JOHNSON*, as if that was his birth name.



*MISTA JOHNSON*, was giving of himself and his knowledge to young people. In 2006, he was approached by his sister Sonja to see if he would be open to teaching a hip hop history class at her school, and always looking to impart wisdom to young people, he agreed and taught the history of rap and hip-hop in a semester long after school workshop at the Bronx High School of Communication Arts in the Bronx, NY.

Always wanting to do things his way and staying true to the artist in him, he declined a job with a local cable company and began to work on the set of a TV show called “The Ed Show” for a few years as an location site lead. It was his initiative that he took here, that gave him the confidence to become the executive driver for the CEO of an insurance company. The CEO, like everyone else saw the special spirit that Chris exuded.

Chris, a man of many gifts, was also an executive at heart. He knew and adhered to protocols and procedures. He was a presence when he entered the room and knew it. While employed as an executive driver, he was promoted to Director of Security 2007. Overseeing a staff of ten in two locations (NY and NJ) he was responsible for new hires and acclimating to security protocols. He was so excited about his promotion that he called Sonja and whispered over the phone, “Yo, I got an office, a laptop, cell phone. I got a real @%#\*\$& job.” He was charged with finding his replacement for the executive driver position, and having so much respect for his CEO that he continued this position until he found a worthy candidate.



MISTA JOHNSON relocated to Waxhaw, NC in 2008. He continued to work as a security specialist at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte, where he was regularly honored as employee of the month. North Carolina is also where he met the love of his life, Denean Nunn. Dee and Chris were best friends, they were crazy and cool together. He and Dee married in June of 2016 at their home in Waxhaw.

Chris grew up in an environment where he knew that Jesus was his Lord and Savior, and he was an active and popular member of True Life Fellowship Church in Matthews. Chris was fearless about going home to be with the Lord and receiving his eternal blessings. Rest in power MISTA JOHNSON!  
Chris leaves to celebrate his life and cherish his memory: devoted wife Denean, loving sisters Sonja and Candace, children in love, Derrick ‘DJ’ Anderson, Jr., Jade Anderson and grandson in love, Remedy Anderson, and a host of family and true friends.

