



What Can I Say About My Father

by Angie Vaughn

*In the beginning he was a man that just contributed to my birth,
But as my life grew on, I was able to determine a father's worth.
The lifestyle that he lived prepared me for future lessons.
He was a man of minimal words, but maxed out in his actions.
I learned that families were created to really stick together,
And that division could arise when one thinks they are better.
That we have to remember that a family represents an entire group
And that the group falls apart when you make it all about you.
Dad was considerate most of the time, and willing to lend a helping hand.
For those in need, he offered his help, whether it was woman or man.
He wasn't perfect, he admitted it, and acknowledged he wasn't always there,
But he was determined to make up for it by showing his grandkids that he cared.
He was available for their parties, activities, or even just fun & games.
He made it very clear that he wanted them to never forget the Johnson name.
As his health began to decline, he thought he could handle it on his own.
Standing firm, not giving in, but his actions set a different tone.
He was the head of this family and wasn't willing to give that up,
So he fought against his health because he was known to be so tough.
Often times, doctors would say "we don't know how he keeps making it thru"
With his smirk and a smile on his face was his way of saying "because I love you."
As a minister, I prayed with my father as I prepared him to meet with Christ
I massaged his head, helped calm his nerves, and told him it was ok to go to the light.
For two more days, he took a breath and just seemed to sleep it off,
Then I received a message from three different calls and I knew he was at the cross.*

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Jimmie E.
JOHNSON, SR.

SUNRISE
JUNE 26, 1953

SUNSET
OCTOBER 6, 2022

OBITUARY

Jimmie E. Johnson, Sr., was born on June 26, 1953. He was the only biological child born to Johnnie D. Johnson and Genie Mae Johnson, but he had six siblings, Craig and Carla Martin, Denise Stewart-Hill, Randy Taylor, Reggie Scott, and Carla Robinson (deceased). He was raised in North St. Louis City, where he attended Dunbar & Carver Elementary and Vashon High School. He was very talented in multiple areas, and displayed those talents well. He earned a certificate in the career fields of auto mechanics, welding, carpentry, brick laying, and heating and cooling. He made multiple charitable contributions to the "Reverend Rice Ministry" to support the needs of the homeless. He used his free time to transport his senior neighbors to and from their doctor appointments, picked up their prescriptions, and often did their grocery shopping for them.

Although he had been married four times, he was single when he passed away. He was blessed with six biological children, two sons and four daughters. Yolanda Vaughn gave him two grandchildren, resulting in four great-grandchildren; Angie Vaughn gave him one grandchild, resulting in one great-grandchild; Jimmie Johnson, Jr., gave him five children, resulting in eleven great-grandchildren; Terrell Wilhite gave him six grandchildren; Janell Johnson gave him one grandchild; and Summer Johnson Booker (Shaun Booker) gave him five grandchildren (one deceased). He also had three stepchildren, Stacey Penny, who gave him one grandchild; Troy Penny, who gave him two grandchildren; and Oscar Robinson (Charnetta Robinson), who gave him three grandchildren.



Yolanda
VAUGHN



Angie
VAUGHN



Jimmie
JOHNSON, JR.



Janell
JOHNSON



Summer
JOHNSON

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