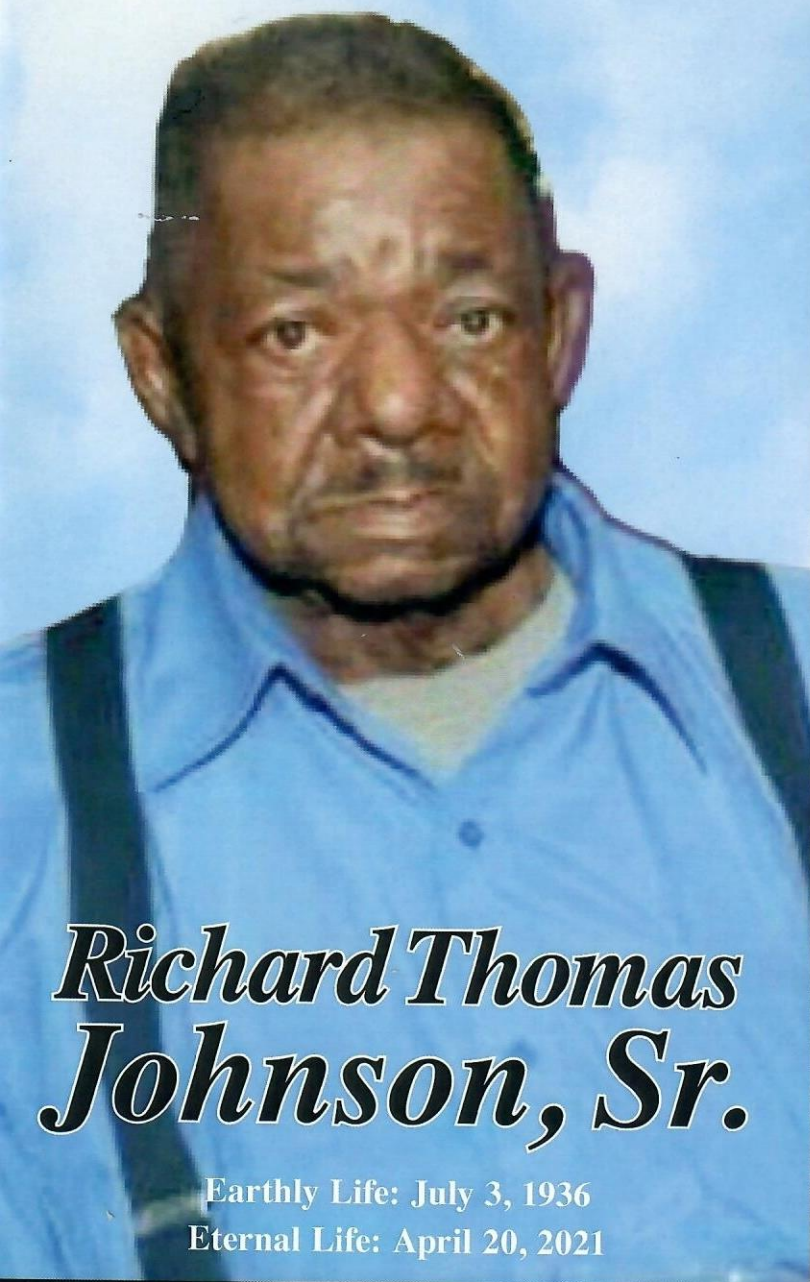


*In Loving Memory
Celebrating the Life
of Our Beloved*

*... and the door opened,
and God said,
"Come on in Richard"*



***Richard Thomas
Johnson, Sr.***

Earthly Life: July 3, 1936
Eternal Life: April 20, 2021

Graveside Service

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Fork Union Baptist Church
5932 Dixie Hill Road
Buckingham, Virginia 24921

Rev. Miller, Presiding





*Give all
your cares
to God,
because
he cares
for you.*



God's Garden



*God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon
The earth and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

—Anonymous



Legacy of Love

Our beloved **Richard Thomas Johnson, Sr.** was born July 3, 1936 in Buckingham County, Virginia to the late Emma and Thomas Johnson.

Richard received his education from the Buckingham County Public Schools and reared by Ms. Hatchet and lived with her and her children.

He was a family provider and worked for Buck Varner, Sammy Smith and his best friend Woodrow Sims as a pulpwood cutter most of his life and he also worked in the lumber yard for many dedicated years of service. Richard received his spiritual blessings at an early age and was at the church on Dixie Hill in Buckingham, Fort Union Baptist Church. He enjoyed being in church, with his church family and listening to the word of worship. If there was a funeral, Richard was going to be attending. A quite, gentleman with a giving spirit that would give you the shirt off his back. When he stepped out the house, you knew he would always have on his suspenders, a belt and one of his many hats.

Everyone loved him, especially his children. Richard was well-known in Farmville so he would talk to everyone, it didn't matter who you were. There were times he would go to Walmart or Roses and talk to the customers coming and going. He was affectionately called "Uncle Richard or Mr. Richard by family and friends. Richard was very personable, enjoyed meeting new people and loved to be surrounded by family. It takes time for human beings to blossom into something special and Richard's bloom was the pride and joy of his children. He was so proud of them and how they have developed throughout the years and had their own. Even though he was not a traveling man, Richard enjoyed going to visit his sisters Evelyn and Mildred all the time. The memories they shared with each other will never be forgotten. Our father enjoyed the parties we gave him, but always stated that he did not want us to spend a lot of money on him.

After retirement, Richard would maintain lawns for family, friends and people in the community. If "Mr. Richard" did your yard, you knew it was going to be done correctly. He received much pride in working and did so until he was 80 years old.

He is preceded in death by his sister Emma Jean Johnson. On Tuesday, April 20, 2021, his heavenly father called him home to rest. He leaves a legacy of truth and honor within us along with cherish fond memories to his family: two daughters, Evelyn Jordan and Lisa Johnson; devoted son, Richard "Ricky" Thomas Johnson, Jr.; grandchildren, Larry Jordan, Shaqita Jordan, Johnathan Jordan, Matavius Johnson, Tiaria Johnson and Shatina Walker-Ford; a host of great-grands; two devoted sisters, Evelyn Booker and Mildred Johnson; devoted former wife and life-time friend, Virginia Lee; a host of nieces, nephews; his caring nurse Jennifer; devoted extended family friend, Christine Brown, other relatives and caring friends.

Order of Service

Invocation – Rev. James Miller

Musical Selection – LaMeeka Jordan

Scripture Reading – Rev. James Miller

Prayer of Comfort – Rev. James Miller

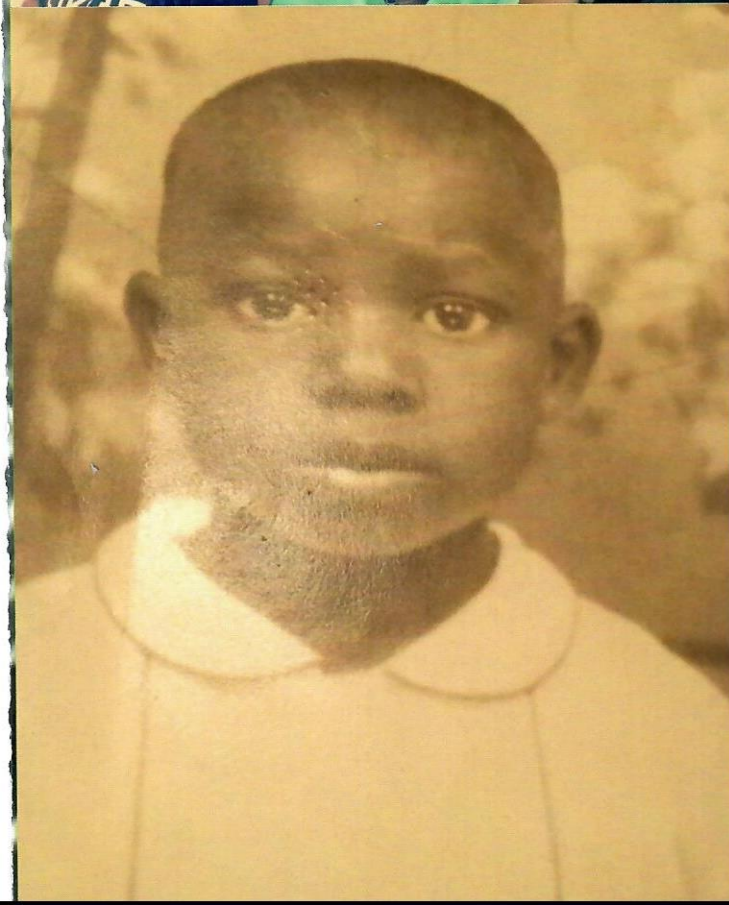
Reflections – Family and Friends

Musical Selection – LaMeeka Jordan

Words of Comfort – Rev. James Miller

Benediction – Rev. James Miller

"Our beloved will never be forgotten"



The Love of Family is Everlasting

Acknowledgements

With warm hearts and grateful appreciation, the family acknowledges the many acts of kindness and deeds of generosity extended to them during this period of bereavement. A special thank you to The Anderson's, The Hather's Alice and Doug as well as Buck Hatcher for all your loving support.

Repast

In light of our national emergency, the family is not having a repast. However, we wish to express our profound gratitude for your presence today. We're prayerful that health, wealth and prosperity be with you!

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