



## Mr. Joel Clayton Johnson

August 17, 1962 - April 4, 2013

PEORIA - Mr. Joel Clayton Johnson, Sr., 50, of 2228 East Oak Cliff, Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 7:40 pm, Thursday, April 4, 2013 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center surrounded by his family.

Joel was born on August 17, 1962 in Chicago, IL to proud parents Bishop Joseph H. and Annie Jo (Hunter) Johnson.

Joel leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving and devoted family; his children, Joel Clayton Johnson, Jr., and Gabrielle Armani Johnson both of Atlanta, GA; his father, Bishop Joseph Johnson; his siblings, Jonathan (Dedra) Johnson, Sr., of Chicago, IL State Representative Jehan (Derrick) Booth, Jamal (Rosie) Gordon, Ralph (Gloria) Wrightner, Roger Jordan, Lydell Gordon, Jr., Chantay (Corey) Gray and Shando (Don) Harris all of Peoria, Antoinette (Cornelius) Donald of Fort Wayne, IN, Daniel (Liz) Billsbury of San Diego, CA; and 23 foster brothers. He is preceded in death by his mother, Annie Jo Gordon.

Joel was a 1980 graduate of Woodruff High School. He confessed his faith in Christ at the tender age of 12. Joel became an ordained minister, peer mentor and board member at New Hope Apartments and its president's counsel.

Joel was employed at ComEd for over a decade and held various positions at Caterpillar, CILCO, UPS and ADM. He last worked as a cement mason before becoming disabled due to his illness.

Joel was a gregarious, fun loving person who never met a stranger.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at the

Church of the Living God, Temple 130, 2815 W. Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL 61615, with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 10 am. Bishop Leroy Smith will officiate. Joel will be entombed at Parkview Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Unshackled Ministry at Church of the Living God, Temple 130.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [simonsmortuary.com](http://simonsmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Parkview Mausoleum

2001 N University St  
IL 61604  
(309) 688-0733

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of the Living God  
2815 W LAKE AVE  
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[bishopsmith@ctlgcwff.org](mailto:bishopsmith@ctlgcwff.org)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joel Clayton Johnson*



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Joel Clayton Johnson*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Joel Clayton Johnson*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *I miss you so much!!*



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**Gabrielle Johnson** - October 21, 2013 at 09:37 PM



“ *Joel Clayton Johnson was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Gabrielle Johnson** - October 21, 2013 at 09:30 PM

GJ

“ *Gabrielle Armani Johnson was added to the Family Tree.*

**Gabrielle Johnson** - October 21, 2013 at 09:30 PM

Roxanne  
Real

“ *Roxanne Real lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel Clayton Johnson*



**Roxanne Real** - April 16, 2013 at 11:46 PM

Roxanne  
Real

*Pastor Johnson, My Prayers are with u ..sending my deepest condolenes..*

**Roxanne Real** - April 16, 2013 at 11:48 PM

BY

“ *I met Joel while working for Electronics Diversified, just after he graduated from high school. He was funny, clever, and good for a laugh every time I saw him. It was true all through the years. I responded to his apartment several times while on duty on Peoria's fire department. Though ill, he was still the same---funny, positive, tough, a joy. He always asked how our business was doing at Sound of Peoria. I wish I could see him now. My family hopes for his eternal peace. He's making somebody laugh, I'm sure, in heaven. Hope he's there to greet me. Byron Yang*



**Byron Yang** - April 11, 2013 at 09:40 AM

WT

“ *My heart is so heavy, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Joel was such a beautiful person inside and out. Heaven gained a beautiful angel. We will all miss that smile. We love you Joel.*

*William(Bill) Brown, Dallas, Texas*

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**William(Bill) Brown, Dallas, Texas** - April 11, 2013 at 12:52 AM

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“ *My heart is so heavy, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Joel was such a beautiful person inside and out. Heaven gained a beautiful angel. We will all miss that smile. We love you Joel*

*William(Bill) Brown, Dallas, Texas.*

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**William(Bill) Brown, Dallas, Texas** - April 11, 2013 at 12:46 AM

EW

“ *To Commander Jon Johnson and Family...*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the lost of your brother. In those dark moments that leave you wondering how you are going to get through; hold tight to the memories for comfort, and lean on your friends for strength. May the sorrows that you feel in your heart be lightened by the love being forged around you. Sending you and your family prayers of peace and healing. God Bless...*

*Chief Eugene Williams  
Bureau of Administration  
Chicago Police Department*

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**eugene williams** - April 10, 2013 at 12:11 PM

CB


“ *My prayers pour out to Bishop Johnson and family. This is a very difficult hour for many of us, and a very tough mile for you to complete. I personally am going to miss that big smile from Joe. Life is truly a gift from God... and how we live that life is our gift back to Him. We pray that the Lord will give you strength. Pastor Charles Brown, Mt. Olive M.B. Church of Peoria, IL*

Charles Brown - April 09, 2013 at 04:50 PM

PL

“ *as a kid, i wanted to be like you. or at least as tall as you. love and light.*

Pip Lilly - April 09, 2013 at 03:46 PM

  
Camille  
Harris

“ *Camille Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joel Clayton Johnson*



Camille Harris - April 09, 2013 at 03:37 PM

CS

“ *Joel, you will be missed. There was always a smile on your face. God Bless your family! Christine Smith*

Christine Smith - April 09, 2013 at 11:42 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mr. Joel Clayton Johnson.*

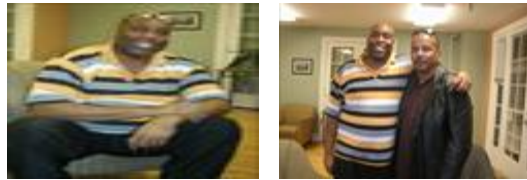


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**Daniel Billberry** - April 07, 2013 at 11:37 PM



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**Daniel Billberry** - April 07, 2013 at 11:17 PM



*I will miss your infectious smile Joel... You were always so kind to me and such a true gentleman. My prayers are with you and your family.  
With Love, cami*

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**Cami Kellerstrass** - April 08, 2013 at 05:19 PM

TC

*nice pic bro. Joel will be miss. God Bless u and family much love. The Cox Family. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Give Dad and John hug from Cox Family. Sorry For your loss you guys r in our Prayer. Love U Guys.*

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**tony cox** - April 09, 2013 at 04:35 PM

AW

*To Jon Johnson and Family -*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear brother, Joel. And on behalf of the Chicago Fire Department, "we are here when you need us."*

*Annastasia Walker  
Chief Administrative Officer  
The Chicago Fire Department*

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**Annastasia Walker** - April 10, 2013 at 02:24 PM

RT

*Danny, Joel and John....the 3 Musketeers!*

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**Roberta Taylor** - April 10, 2013 at 09:14 PM

SE

*To Jon Johnson and Family,*

*Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your dear brother and loved one, Joel. Always remember to look to the hills from which cometh your help.....It comes from the Lord.*

*Shirley Evans*

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**Shirley Evans** - April 11, 2013 at 07:39 AM

JC

*Danny, I just learned of the passing of your brother. My prayers are extended to you and your family. May God wrap you in his arms during this time.*

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**Joanne (Taylor) Christian** - April 15, 2013 at 02:48 PM