



Mr. Maurice Roger Johnson

March 7, 1929 - May 10, 2022

Mr. Maurice Roger Johnson, 93, of Peoria, IL passed away at 6:37 am on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at River Crossing of Peoria Nursing Home.

Maurice was born on March 7, 1929 in Mexico, Missouri to Elmer, Sr. and Joyce (Clayborn) Johnson. He graduated from Manual High School. He was a proud U.S. Navy veteran serving as a medic during the Korean Conflict and later serving three years in the Medical Corps branch of the U.S. Army National Guard.

Maurice was an accomplished organist musically trained in Chicago, IL. He was a faithful member of Ward Chapel A.M.E. where he was the Church's organist for years.

Maurice entertained audiences with his skillful and beautiful organ music arrangements all over the Peoria community including funerals.

Maurice loved to talk and could hold long conversations with you if you let him, especially with his friend Tom Hammond. He loved to eat macaroon cookies, butter scotch candy, avocados and chicken necks.

Maurice leaves to cherish his most precious memories his niece, Yvonne Johnson Langford (daughter of Elmer C. Johnson Jr.) of Peoria, IL; great nieces, Crystal (Frank) Roddy, Erica Pegues, Ava (David) Brown, Rasheedah (Joseph) Washington and Ona Langford; great nephews, Elmer (Jenny) Johnson, IV, Michael (Beth) Johnson, Larry Johnson, Jr. and Marvin R. Allen, Jr.; his cousins, Jackie (Eugene) Petty and Valerie (Charles) Timmes both of Peoria, IL and Jackie and Carol Kimbrough both of Chicago, IL; special

friends, Alexandria “Lynn” Pearson, Tom Hammond and Patrick T. Maloney all of Peoria, IL; and a host of great-great nieces and nephews, great great-great nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends who loved him. He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Allen Johnson and Elmer (Mary) Johnson, Jr.; one sister, Nadine Johnson; three nephews, Elmer “Punchie” Johnson, twins Gary A. Johnson and Larry A. Johnson; two nieces, Cheryl A. Johnson and Mary Joyce Johnson-Allen; one great niece, Shauna Parks.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church with a visitation beginning one-half hour at 10 am. Pastor Adrian Johnson will officiate. Maurice’s final resting place will be at Historic Springdale Cemetery where Military Honors will be rendered. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church
511 N Richard Allen Dr.,
Peoria, IL 61605
<http://www.wardchapelame.com/>

Memorial Service

MAY **24.** 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church
511 N Richard Allen Dr.,
Peoria, IL 61605
<http://www.wardchapelame.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Maurice Roger Johnson*



Simons Mortuary - May 24, 2022 at 04:00 PM



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Simons Mortuary - May 23, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *Mr. Maurice Roger Johnson*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Maurice Roger Johnson*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

DT

“ So sorry to hear of your passing, I'm praying for the Family....Love you and will miss our regular phone talks...RIHP Donald E. Trammell Detroit, MI

Donald E. Trammell - June 27, 2022 at 05:18 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Inurnment at Springdale Cemetery



Simons Mortuary - May 24, 2022 at 04:00 PM

VK

“ To the family of: Mr. Maurice Johnson - I send my heartfelt sympathy. I've known him since he played for our choir at St. Paul many years ago. He loved to talk and would just stop by or he'd be attending a conference and we'd talk for hours before he caught the bus. He loved talking about the "scoobie doos". We didn't see or talk to one another often but when we did, we made up for lost time. We enjoyed each others company. I will truly miss him, as I'm sure you will. May God bless & keep you.



Vickie Kingcade-King - May 20, 2022 at 10:10 PM

MA

“ *Marcia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Maurice Roger Johnson*



Marcia - May 20, 2022 at 05:40 PM

MA

“ *Marcia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Maurice Roger Johnson*



Marcia - May 20, 2022 at 05:37 PM

RS

“ *To the family of Maurice Johnson..... it was a privilege to have known him. He was a great person and someone I considered a friend. May God comfort your family during this time. I will miss him.*

Richard Zakeauss Samuels - May 19, 2022 at 12:03 PM

LD

“ *Lisa Davies-Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Maurice Roger Johnson*



Lisa Davies-Kelly - May 17, 2022 at 04:10 PM