



Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson

September 12, 1919 - August 7, 2016

The Life Long Legacy of

Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson, son of the late Delaney Benjamin (D.B.) and Anna B. Johnson, was born in Lowndes County, AL on September 12, 1919. He answered the Master's Call on Sunday, August 7, 2016.

Oscar married his soul mate Gladys Maude Borden Johnson on May 10, 1942 and she went home to be with the Lord on April 13, 1973. To this union, two children were born, Billy DeJaun and Beverly Lucille. Later, he married another blessing, Bunia Teria Johnson on December 29, 1974 and she went home to be with the Lord on October 23, 1994. He later married Margaret Mcfee on May 25, 1996.

Oscar accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized at the tender age of twelve by Pastor Tom Caney at Mt. Gillard Baptist Church in Lowndes County, AL. After relocating to Gadsden, AL, he moved his membership to Galilee Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor E. L. Gary, succeeded by Pastor B.L. Walker, Pastor E.W. Jarrett and Pastor G.E. Robinson. At Galilee, he served in God's vineyard as Superintendent of Sunday School, President of Senior Choir, Church Clerk, and currently serves as Deacon Emeritus and lifetime member under the leadership of Pastor G. E. Robinson. In 1982, he became a member of the Mt. Gillard Baptist Church of Trickum, AL. under the leadership of Pastor R.V. Harrison succeeded by Pastor Roy McQueen and currently Pastor Dwight Johnson. During his tenure at Mt Gillard, he served as Superintendent of Sunday School and Chairman of

the Board of Deacons. He also served as Dean of the Southwest Sunday School & BTU District.

In 2013, he relocated to Peoria, IL and united with Grace Baptist Church as a watch care member under the leadership of Pastor Claude White, Jr. and served as a faithful deacon, loyal layman and dedicated member until his demise.

Oscar attended the public schools in Lowndes County and Alabama State High School. He later attended Snead Jr. College and Alabama A & M College. God blessed him with many opportunities to support his family with jobs such as PX Manager with the Army; Laborer at Merita Baker; Professional Tailor at Sears, Roebuck; Tailoring Entrepreneur; and Tailoring Instructor at Gadsden State Technical Institute.

Oscar was a dedicated Boy Scout Leader of Troop #365 and affected the lives of many young men. He served as treasurer of the St. Anthony Lodge #223, member of Union Burial Society and served on several community organizations and various boards. During his lifetime, he received many, many awards. His hobbies included fishing, hunting, WWE wrestling and Atlanta Braves baseball.

Mourning the loss, yet rejoicing in his purposeful life are his survivors: two devoted children, a son, Billy DeJuan (Theresa) Johnson of Gadsden, AL; a daughter, Dr. Beverly Johnson Thomas of Peoria, IL; one sister, Edna Frances Pickney of Tyler, AL; nine grandchildren, DeJuan (Lavern) Johnson of Chattanooga, TN, Demetrius Johnson of Atlanta, GA, Joshua Williams, Cornelius Thomas, Clevia Thomas and Cleveland Thomas, Jr. of Peoria, IL; Brooklin (Jeromy) Graves of Gadsden, AL, Nicholas (Misty) Johnson of Japan, and Jamar Thomas of Huntsville, AL; fourteen great-grandchildren, Jayla, Jaiden, Jada, Cleveland, III, Cierra, Cameron, Caliyah, Ceonni, Ceja, Sa'Niya, Kyler, Triston, Lavonte and Lenaris; surrogate daughter, Gladys Tracey of Peoria, IL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Oscar was a man who touched many lives with his infectious smile and gracious personality. He continued to help everyone whenever possible. He

was a devout Christian who was not ashamed to share with those he met. He had a special passion for teaching the laymen. He will be forever missed! Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon, Friday, August 12, 2016 at Mt. Gillard Baptist Church with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 11 am. Pastor Dwight Johnson will officiate. Oscar will be laid to rest at Mt. Gillard Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary entrusted with local arrangements. Bell Funeral Home, 228 W. Tuskeena Street, Haynesville, AL, #334-548-5122, is in charge of arrangements in Alabama.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Gillard Church Cemetery

8376 US Highway 80 West
Lowndes County, AL 36785

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **12**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Gillard Missionary Baptist Church
8376 US Highway 80 West
Tyler, AL 36785

Funeral Service

AUG **12**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Gillard Missionary Baptist Church
8376 US Highway 80 West
Tyler, AL 36785

Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Shirley Jean Hinton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*



Shirley Jean Hinton - August 23, 2016 at 05:20 PM



Thank you so much!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:43 PM



“ *Mr. Oscar was a very nice man. I'm going to miss him even though he had moved away I still remember seeing him whenever I pass by his house.*



tracy - August 13, 2016 at 11:20 PM

BT

Thank you for your caring!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:44 PM

KM

“ *I feel so blessed to have so many wonderful memories of my Uncle Oscar. So sorry I was not able to be attend the services. Love to Billy, Beverly, and the entire family.*

Karen Pickney McCloud

K McCloud - August 13, 2016 at 06:31 PM



BT

Thank you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:46 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hardy lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*

Linda Hardy - August 13, 2016 at 05:17 PM



BT

Blessings to you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:46 PM

PN

“ *Phyllis Nichols lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*



Phyllis Nichols - August 11, 2016 at 10:02 PM

BT

Thank you for all that you did!!!!!!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:46 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*



Mattie Risby - August 10, 2016 at 03:51 PM

BT

Thank you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:47 PM

EH

“ *Much sorrow and sadness upon learning about the passing of one of my oldest and dearest friends. My deepest sympathy is extended to Oscar's family.*

*Sincerely,
Ernestine G. Hunter and Family*

Ernestine G. Hunter - August 10, 2016 at 03:10 PM

BT

Thank you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:47 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*



Mattie Risby - August 10, 2016 at 09:56 AM

BT

Thank you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:47 PM



“ *Christopher Mays lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*



Christopher Mays - August 10, 2016 at 06:35 AM

BT

Thank you for your love for our dad!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:48 PM

CF

“ Chris Mays & Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson



Chris Mays & Family - August 09, 2016 at 10:09 PM

BT

Thank you so much!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:48 PM

CB

“ Praying for your family, with deepest sympathy. ...Here's a candle lit for Deacon Johnson...Pastor & Mrs. Cleo Brand



Cleo & Barbara Brand - August 09, 2016 at 09:24 PM

BT

Blessings!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:48 PM

CF

“ Carl & Montez Bradley & Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson



Carl & Montez Bradley & Family - August 09, 2016 at 09:22 PM

BT

Thank you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:49 PM

VD

“ *Beverly Johnson Thomas and Johnson Family*

*Sorry for your loss and find strength in God,
friends and family during your time of sorrow.
Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning light.
Jones and Michelle L Douglas, Sr.*



Venus Michelle (Jones) Douglas - August 09, 2016 at 08:47 PM

BT

Thank you so much!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:49 PM

DR

“ *Diana Risby lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*



Diana Risby - August 09, 2016 at 04:12 PM

BT

Thank you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:49 PM

CP

“ *My sympathy and prayers goes to Sis.Beverly Thomas and Billy Johnson. Blessings*

Carl Penn

Carl Penn - August 09, 2016 at 12:10 PM

BT

We cannot thank you enough!!!!!! Blessings...

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:50 PM

TF

“ *Praying for your family, with deepest sympathy. ...The HOYETT FAMILY*

THE HOYETT FAMILY - August 09, 2016 at 09:57 AM

BT

Thank you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:50 PM

TF

“ *THE HOYETT FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*



THE HOYETT FAMILY - August 09, 2016 at 09:33 AM

BT

Thank you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:50 PM

DD

“ *Diana Duncan lit a candle in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*



Diana duncan - August 09, 2016 at 05:59 AM

BT

Thank you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:50 PM

DB

“ *My sympathy goes to Beverly And Billy and the entire family. Praying for you all*



deborah jackson bryant - August 09, 2016 at 03:57 AM

BT

Thank you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:51 PM

DB

“ *My sympathy goes to Beverly And Billy and the entire family. Praying for you all*



deborah jackson bryant - August 09, 2016 at 03:57 AM

SO

My condolences to Beverly, and her entire family. Praying that through your faith you can find some comfort at you began life without your loved one.

*Sharon Owens
Highland Park, NJ*

Sharon Owens - August 09, 2016 at 04:48 PM

BT

Thank you so much!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:51 PM

DB

“ *Deborah Jackson Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson*



deborah jackson bryant - August 09, 2016 at 03:55 AM

BT

Thank you!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:51 PM

DB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



deborah javjsin bryant - August 09, 2016 at 03:53 AM

BT

Nice picture... Thanks so much!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:52 PM

UC

“ To Dr. Beverly Johnson Thomas and the entire family of Deacon Oscar Emmitt Johnson. On behalf of Pastor D. R. Hanson Jr., and the entire United Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 250 N. Pierpont Ave. Rockford, IL 61101, extend to you our love and support in the transition of your love one. Deacon Johnson is in the best of hands and the love you shared will remain forever.



United Faith M.B. Church - August 09, 2016 at 12:48 AM

TF

Our deepest sympathy to your family, the HOYETT FAMILY from GADSDEN, ALABAMA

THE HOYETT FAMILY - August 09, 2016 at 09:36 AM

BT

Thank you so much!!!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:52 PM

BB

“ *Sending my love to my family. Love you all. Rest in Peace cousin Oscar. Betty Bell and Family. San Marcos, Ca.*

Betty J Bell - August 08, 2016 at 11:36 PM

BT

Blessings cuz!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:52 PM

RB

“ to Beverly Johnson Thomas, and the Johnson Famiy may the heart felt present of the LORD surround you all at this sad ,but yet glorious time deacon Johnson live a beautiful life of 96 yrs.What a Blessing.Be comforted in knowing you all shall see him again .Love to my sister and brother in Christ Jesus.



Ruth Bush

ruth bush - August 08, 2016 at 11:23 PM

BT

Thank you so much!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:53 PM

WN

“ May our God strengthen you with peace at this time. Remembering that in due season we are pilgrims traveling through this land. We grief with you at this time remembering your love one. May God keep you, Deacon Willie/Debra Newman

Willie Newman - August 08, 2016 at 09:31 PM

BT

Thanks and much blessings to you both!

Beverly Thomas - December 22, 2016 at 12:53 PM