



Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins

November 16, 1948 - June 7, 2023

Our beloved husband, father, granddad, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins went home to be with the Lord on June 7, 2023 at the age of 74 years.

Johnnie was born November 16, 1948 to J.T. and Pearlle (Jasper) Thompkins in Union Springs, Alabama. Johnnie known to everyone as “Twolou” was a resident in Saginaw, Michigan. He attended schools in Union Springs, Alabama. He turned his life over to Christ at a young age at Emmanuel Church of Deliverance under the leadership of the late Pastors Provis and Fannie Carter. Pastors Provis and Fannie Carter, joined Johnnie and Esther Burton in Holy Matrimony on February 14, 1988 in their home, and they were blessed.

“Twolou” enjoyed fishing, playing cards and dominos. His other hobbies were working on cars, doing yard work, moving people, taking people around and spending time with family and friends. Johnny enjoyed watching wrestling, western movies and game shows.

Mr. Johnnie James leaves to cherish many memories, his wife, Esther Thompkins of Saginaw, MI; eight children, Michael (LaSonya) Calhoun, Bobby Thompkins, Johnny Browdy, John John Thompkins, Johnny (Charlisa) (Burton) Thompkins, Terrell and Terry Thompkins and Dequadre Baker;

grandchildren, Letecia G-Ausse, Diamond Diaz, Michael Calhoun, NaTasha Phillips, Ava Thompkins, Mogwli Luna and Raven Calhoun; siblings, Fannie Thompkins of Saginaw, MI, Gloria Russell, Walter, Tommy and Pricilla Thompkins, all of Union Spring, AL; sisters & brothers-in-law, Ethel Dugan, John Burton, Mary (Floyd) Broadnax, Gladys Hines, Mable (Johnny) Cage, Vincent Burton, Leonard Thomas and Gail Crittendon; god-children, Denise and Mattie Williams, ShaMalachi McKinney, RaeLynn Reis and Xavier Rivera-McKinney, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Thompkins was preceded in death by his parents, J. T. Thompkins and Pearlle Thompkins; daughter, Elizabeth Thompkins; brother, J.T. Thompkins; sister, Sarah Pritchett; mother-in-law, Lucille (Burton) Sutton; sisters & brothers-in-law, Johnnie Mae Davis, Mellie Thomas and Abbott and Diane Burton and Charles Crittendon; god-son, Domonic McKinney Rivera; god-parents, Nathan and Willie Mae Perkins; cousins, Pastor Mattie Lou Works, Clinton Jimmy Works and Vera Wyatt and special friend, Lonnie (Boone) Miree

The Thompkins family would like to thank Marlon McKinney and Kayla Patrick for their care, American Home Care Hospice Nurse, Dana Matthew LPN, Eva Dafoe and Crystal Louis, Bath Aide for Assisting in his care, Dr. Farrukh Anwar and Phyllis Scarbrough.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 19, 2023 at Emmanuel Church of Deliverance, 1709 Janes Ave., Saginaw, MI. Pastor Alfonso Thomas will officiate. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Church of Deliverance
1709 Janes
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

JUN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins*



Joanie Williams - June 26, 2023 at 12:19 AM

SC

“ *Prayers are with you!
Stacey, Joe, Justine and Jessica.*

Stacey Cole - June 20, 2023 at 04:42 AM

LR

“ *To the Family: I offer my condolences. Twolou was a very funny guy. He would help anyway possible. I'm remembering growing up and He would be with Ted all the time. They (JP) would often have card and taco parties. Fond memories. My prayers that God would Strengthen, comfort and give peace to you all during this difficult time. Hold on to God's unchanging hands.* 🙏🙏🙏



Linda Robinson - June 19, 2023 at 05:13 PM

GC

*To my friend Twolou:
I smile as I remember you because you were such a joy to know in our childhood. I know you are some where looking down saying that's my crazy friend Georgia Bell, oh wow 😭! Thanks for the memories my friend, thanks for the memories !*

Georgia Cuthrell - November 17, 2025 at 09:58 AM

BH

“ *BETTY HOLMES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins*



BETTY HOLMES - June 18, 2023 at 07:14 PM

PJ

“ *Purvis Carter Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins*



Purvis Carter Jr. - June 18, 2023 at 02:12 PM

RS

“ *Sending love and hugs to the Thompkins family. Praying for your strength during this difficult time. God will be with you all every step of the way.*



Willie (PAP) and Regina Johnson



Regina Smith-Johnson - June 16, 2023 at 06:16 PM

JF

“ To the family of Johnny,

U will definitely be missed. God decided it was time for you to take your wings. We offer our condolences to your family.

*From your cuz JJ and family.
James and Stone*



Jasper Family - June 16, 2023 at 03:21 PM

MT

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to Johnny family. I used to be Johnny neighbor on Glenwood and he was a kind heartened man. Didn't mind helping out if he could.*

Melissa Taylor - June 16, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Honey Honestly sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins*



Honey Honestly - June 16, 2023 at 07:27 AM

AH

“ *Arnetra Howard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins*



Arnetra Howard - June 15, 2023 at 09:06 PM

TJ

“ you will be missed my friend twolou...



Troy C. Howard Jr. - June 15, 2023 at 09:01 PM

MT

“ Milton And Catherine Townsend sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins



Milton and Catherine Townsend - June 15, 2023 at 07:20 PM

TT

“ The M&C Townsend & Family. Texas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins



The M&C Townsend & Family. Texas - June 15, 2023 at 07:19 PM

MT

“ Milton, Catherine Townsend Family Texas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins



Milton, Catherine Townsend Family Texas - June 15, 2023 at 07:18 PM

BM

“ Bobby Myles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins



Bobby myles - June 15, 2023 at 12:51 PM

AJ

“ Sincere condolences to the family of such a great guy. Glad to have known his kind and caring spirit- always willing to help others. God bless.



Adlene Jackson - June 14, 2023 at 08:53 PM

VM

“ Veronica K. McClain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins



Veronica K. McClain - June 12, 2023 at 09:18 AM

AB

“ My Condolences go out to the Family's sorry for your loss RIH you going be miss sending love hugs to you all's. 🌸🙏💙🌟🙏



Annie Seal Baskin - June 11, 2023 at 09:56 PM

BM

“ *Barbara&Leon McGhee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins*



Barbara&Leon McGhee - June 11, 2023 at 12:58 AM

PF

“ *Heartfelt Sympathy and Condolences to the Entire family of the late Mr Johnny Thompkins. We are so sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. Johnny was a good man. We all love him and his family. My later father and Mom was very fond of him. Esther we are so sorry very for you and your family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May GOD give each of you peace and comfort during your time of bereavement.*



Perkins Family - June 10, 2023 at 12:42 AM

MM

“ *Minister Johnny Myles&Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins*



Minister Johnny Myles&Family - June 10, 2023 at 12:04 AM

BD

“ *Brittney Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins*



Brittney Donald - June 09, 2023 at 10:48 PM

AB

“ *My Condolences go out to the Family's sorry for your loss sending love and Prayers RIH*
💙🌸🕊️🌟🙏 you going be miss by your Family's and friends



Annie Seal Baskin - June 09, 2023 at 09:46 PM

SC

“ *Sam Culberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins*



Sam Culberson - June 09, 2023 at 08:13 PM

TW

“ *Targie Works lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnnie James Thompkins*



Targie Works - June 08, 2023 at 08:17 PM

PS

“ Rest In Heaven Get Your Rest Brother/Cuz
God Gained a Solider I'm going to Miss You To
BeAbsent From the Body is To Be Presence
With The Lord Amen 🙏 Amen



Phyllis Scarbrough - June 08, 2023 at 05:04 PM