



William "Buddy" Johnson,

March 24, 2008

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 24, 2008 at Rosehill Missionary Baptist Church, 2403 E. Remington, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Murry Culberson, Pastor. Pastor Ronnie Bryant will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until time of service. William James Johnson, our father, grandfather and great-grandfather was born May 25, 1920 in Bluff City, AR to the union of the late Sam Johnson and Frances Malone. William, affectionately known as Buddy, went to be with the Lord Sunday, March 16, 2008. William was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army from 1942-1945, a 1986 retiree of Pumford Construction and a long-time member of Christ Community Church. He had a passion for baseball, gospel music and was the founder of the Gospel Harmonizers. William is survived by his loving children, Vernon (Joan) Johnson, Lansing, MI, William (Ida) Johnson, Jr., Camden, AR, Lee Otis (Ora Lee) Johnson, Lansing, MI, Stephen (Genobia) Johnson, Billy (Carolyn) Young, both of Saginaw, MI, Thelma Bryant Johnson, Grand Rapids, MI, Frances Ivery, Roman Johnson, Saginaw, MI, Lenice Johnson, Alma, MI, William Charles (Virtrina) Johnson, Donald "Bumpy" Johnson, Tammy Johnson, Dorothy Whitting and one sister, Eartha Mae Jones, all of Saginaw, MI; and a special friend, Ronald Jewell. William also had a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. William was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Johnson; two children, J.W. Johnson and Versie Lee Johnson; one sister, Thelma Marie Gulley; seven

brothers, Bill Johnson, Sam Johnson, Jr., Cleveland Johnson, Isaiah Johnson, Ralph Johnson, John Johnson, J.C. Abner; and three grandchildren, Steven Bryant, Lisa Ann Johnson and Roger Bryant, III. The family would like to send a special thank you to Healthsource of Saginaw and Heartland Hospice Services for the great care that was provided to our loved one.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Be encouraged, and know that God will never put more on you than you can bare. You all are in our prayers.*

The Bryant Family - March 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *As I sit and think about Uncle Buddy and go back to my earliest remembrance as a child and think of the fun days that we all had with him. He was always full of laughter, play and even had a little serious side if you got out of line.*

There were the days in South Camden, Arkansas where we would go from his home to Grandma Frances and Pa Sams? for food or drink and he would always have questions and we would have to supply answers sometime to get the treats that he always provided. Then as we got older and went our separate ways we could always count on him to give us a place to stay if needed. In all of my travels throughout the United States and abroad he?d always ask me about the experiences and I?d love to share them with him. In particular, the Belgium countryside, because he was a soldier during world war II and he liked to reminisce about those days. He was particular fond of my wife Annette because she was from Germany and he would love to talk with her about Stuttgart.

I will always hold him dear to my heart and will never forget his singing voice and the family reunions, especially the last one I attended in Hot Springs. Uncle Buddy you will be sadly missed. Our condolence goes to the Johnson family.

Lee & Annette Box

Lee & Annette Box - March 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My Uncle Buddy was a very loving person. He will be missed by all that was blessed to have known him. Family this is a time to be each other's strength. God does not put anyone in a situation that He would not pull them through. God Bless you Uncle Buddy and I know that you are still smiling that beautiful smile of yours down on all of us. You will be sadly missed but truely remembered. I LOVE YOU !!!!*

Monica Burton (Ramsey) - March 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our prayers are with you.*

Debbie R. Sims - March 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We're very sorry for your loss we feel we lost a Uncle or Grandfather as well you have our deepest sympathy just know that God has everything in his hands and working constantly on our behalf to get us to the place where we can definately see his face.*

Alden Payne - March 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM