



*Bruce*

WALDO JOHNSON

“A LIFE WELL LIVED”

SUNRISE: APRIL 22, 1963 - SUNSET: JANUARY 8, 2024

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024  
12:00 P.M.

MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
120 GREENE STREET. NE., FAIRBURN, GA 30213

LIFE STORY OF  
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WALDO JOHNSON

Bruce Johnson was born on April 22, 1963, in Detroit, Michigan. His proud parents were the late Franchot Johnson and Rosezena Johnson. Bruce, the elder of two siblings emerged as a person with an outgoing personality. He commanded the attention of those he encountered. Taking on the role of “Man of the House” in a single-parent household, he devoted himself to safeguarding his mother and sister.

Bruce was formally educated in the Detroit Public School System. After high school, Bruce moved to New York to live. He later transitioned from New York to Tampa Florida to live with his Uncle Elliott and Aunt Rosemary and family to work in their import and export business. He genuinely enjoyed this work.

After approximately two years in Florida, Bruce chose to serve his country and became a U.S. Navy Enlisted Sailor aboard the USS Midway and USS Orion. He was a leader among his peers, he oversaw the naval electrical components and became a mentor to junior enlisted personnel. During his tour of duty, he had the opportunity to see the world.

After a decade of service, Bruce returned to his roots in Detroit and was stationed at a Naval Reserve Center for approximately one additional year. He concluded his military career with honors as an E-5 Petty Officer.

Bruce had a long desire to continue his education, so he enrolled at The Detroit College of Business and earned an Associate degree in Business Administration in 1998. In addition, Bruce was an entrepreneur who received his real estate license and became a Real Estate agent with Shread Realty in Detroit and owned rental property. In 1996, Bruce and his brother-in-law Darnell were the youngest applicants to receive approval for a JFM franchise (Junior Food Mart convenience store). However, they later decided not to pursue the venture, but this was an accomplishment, nonetheless.

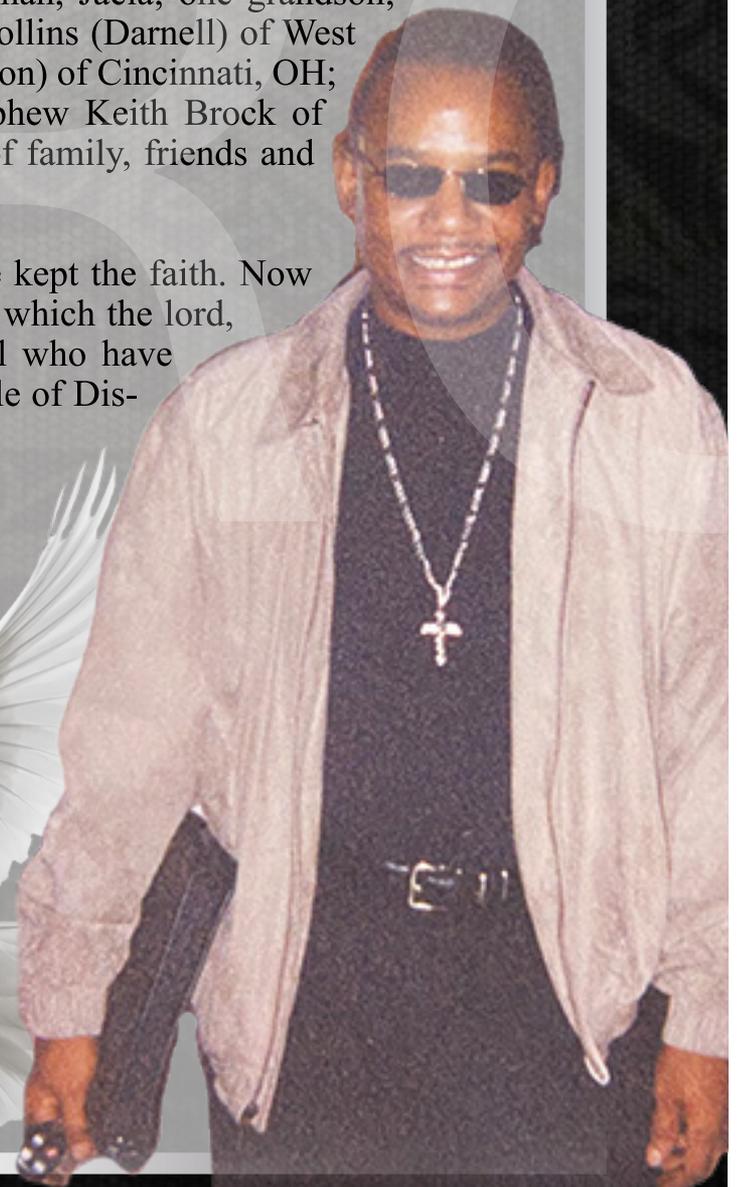
In 2000 he worked for DPS Transportation where he met his soulmate, Loretta Johnson. They married in 2003 and added to the union a stepson Joshua Bowman and welcomed a baby girl into the world (Joelle) transforming him into a committed husband and father.

In the mid-2000s, Bruce began working for the commercial fuel company Quick Fuel in Detroit, MI. In 2008, he relocated to Atlanta, GA., and transferred to Quick Fuel in that area. He advanced quickly and ascended into the role of District Supervisor.

Despite facing a prolonged illness, Bruce had an infectious sense of humor. Those who knew him well would agree that he could be stubborn when he wanted something done a certain way, you usually could not change his mind. He embraced life with unwavering courage. His determined spirit and unyielding faith in God shone brightly, even in the face of physical challenges. He was truly a warrior. When asked how he was doing his response was usually, "I can't complain." Bruce was convinced that God was in control of his life. He often said, "I'm grateful for every day that I open my eyes because it's another opportunity for me to get it right." While Bruce lay in his hospital bed shortly before his passing, he said "God is so good." He believed in the goodness of God regardless of his circumstances. Bruce trusted God with his whole heart. He peacefully accepted that it was time to transition from this life into eternity, his family surrounded him and walked with him as he rested in the arms of his savior on January 8, 2024. At that moment, Bruce received his healing and eternal rest.

Bruce's cherished memories shall live on in the lives of his devoted wife Loretta Johnson, and his beloved daughters, Ashleigh Johnson-Morgan (James) of Detroit, MI; and Joelle Johnson of Fayetteville, GA; stepson Joshua Bowman of Detroit, MI; (Nastassia) five granddaughters, Lyrica, Ananiyah, Khamryn, Savannah, Jaela; one grandson; Joshua, Jr.; his devoted sister, Jacqueline Johnson-Collins (Darnell) of West Chester, OH; two loving nieces, Sosha Vongdara (Jason) of Cincinnati, OH; and Chloe Collins of Atlanta, GA; his favorite nephew Keith Brock of Atlanta, GA; special friend Calvin Hill and a host of family, friends and church family.

Bruce fought the good fight; he finished the race he kept the faith. Now there is in store for him the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award him, but also to all who have longed for his appearing, 2 Timothy 4:7-8 into the role of District Supervisor.





LIFE CELEBRATION OF

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WALDO JOHNSON

Betty Jackson, Master of Ceremony

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Selection.....Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Choir

Prayer

Selection.....Kathy King

*“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”*

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

Remarks.....Family and Friends

Darnelle Collins

Eurwin Robinson

Moment of Silence for reading of the Obituary

Selection.....Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy.....Pastor Robert J. Stanley

Acknowledgment.....Funeral Home Staff

Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Postlude

**INTERMENT**

Monday, January 22, 2024

1:00 pm

Georgia Nationals Cemetery

Canton, Georgia

**REPAST**

Immediately following Service at the church.

LOVING TRIBUTES TO

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WALDO JOHNSON

Bruce my love, from that first day you whispered in my ear, you captured my heart. Now that you are gone, my heart is broken in half. Words cannot describe how much I'm going to miss your touch, smile, and laughter...And especially you saying to me, "Need you, want you, miss you, love you." Thank you, my love for sharing our Love Life Journey together. Rest now in Jesus my love, until we see each other again. It's never good-bye but see you later.

P.S. "Need you, want you, miss you, love you." With all my heart!

Love Always, Your Wife

Loretta

To Pops from your son Josh

I'm glad for the time the Lord has blessed you to be in my life. You taught me a lot and provided me the tools, traits, and skills that will always be instilled in me. You taught me to never follow anyone but the Lord and always strive to be great no matter what life brings your way. I am very fortunate for everything you have done in my life. My mom, sisters, and other loved ones will always love you Pops.

Until we meet again...Love you to the fullest and know that you are Blessed

Yours truly Josh B

I love you Dad and will miss you dearly.

Ashleigh Johnson-Morgan

Daddy-in-Law with a heavy heart we let you rest with an unsettled mind. We gather for your promotion from a brave experienced soldier and fighter. A true warrior! To a general in the Kingdom! Thank you for the footprint you've added to my life. Thank you for the love you've poured into our children. Jonah will remember to show his muscles (he still can't keep a shirt on). Jeala will remember how beautiful she is (still her #1 daily affirmation), and I will remember our conversations about which new Sunday meals to try. May the Kingdom bring you triumph and may your new troops fall in line.

With Love, Tasha

Letter to Dad

Dad,

You were a true character, a friend in times of need, the biggest upbringing as to who I am today. But most importantly, you were a man of God. We spent so much time with each other yet so little time with each other. I am truly grateful and blessed for all the times that we spent together. Through the ups and the downs, I will miss them all. I will always miss you and forever keep you in my heart.

Rest easy- Love Joelle

My Tribute to my Nephew, Bruce

If I could speak to you again, I would say: "Thank you for being so awesome, so kind, and so loving! I will cherish all the memories we shared especially conversations we had about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You mad the Best decisions that we all must make in this life. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thy shall be Saved!" Until we meet again! I LOVE YOU

FOREVER...

AUNTIE ROSEMARY

A Tribute to My Brother  
Bruce,

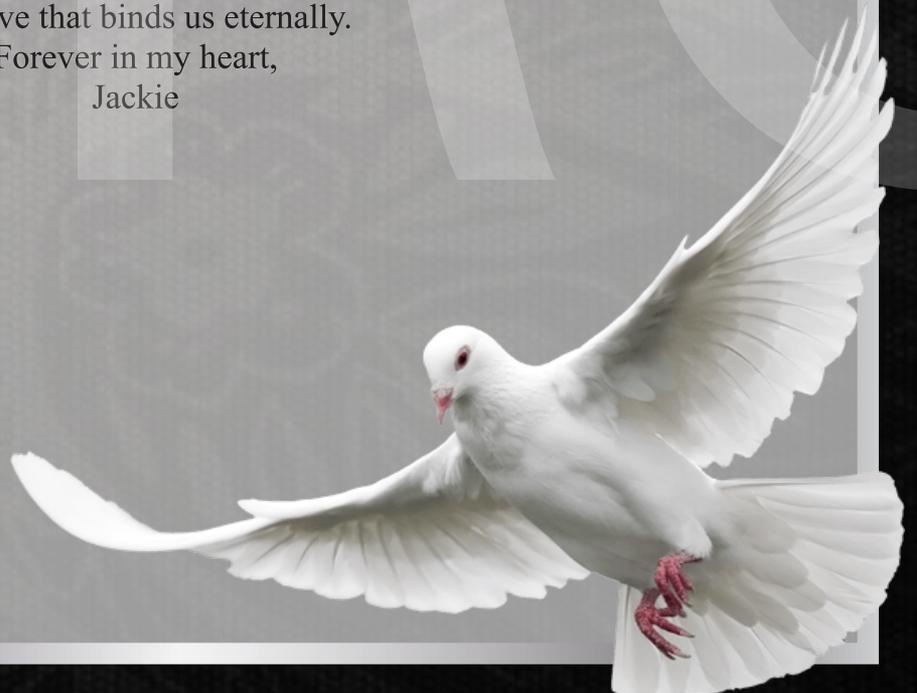
As I write down these words, a sense of numbness has come over me. My heart, once whole, is now shattered. The thought of navigating life without you feels frightening. We were meant to age together, sharing the many experiences of our lives. Since childhood, Mom's words echoed in our ears – "You're all you have." She instilled in us the profound importance of being there for each other, for there was no one else. As kids, we were left with the responsibility of taking care of one another while Mom worked multiple jobs. We created a dependency on one another that defined our bond.

I recall vividly how, in our youth, you played the role of my guardian, quick to my rescue at the slightest hint of me being in trouble. As adults living in different corners of the world, our connection remained strong. Our telephone conversations bridged the distance, ensuring we stayed connected to each other's lives. Your stories from the many places you traveled painted me a vivid picture of that land. You offered not just stories but a fascinating history lesson that I was eager to hear.

Bruce, In the tapestry of my life, you were the strongest thread, weaving strength and love into every moment we shared. Your caring heart and unwavering support were something I could depend on. Your love for me was a beacon, a guiding light through the twists and turns of life.

You often reminded me that I was the only sister you needed. Your deep affection resonates within me, and I cherish the time we had together. Though you are gone, your spirit lives on in the love that binds us eternally.

Forever in my heart,  
Jackie





**ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**

Calvin Hill  
Cardell Warner  
Joshua Brown  
Eurwin Robinson  
Keith Brock Jr.  
Richard Barnett

**HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Deacon John Wright  
Deacon James Allen  
Deacon William Arnold  
Marc Freeman (cousin)

**APPRECIATING EXPRESSIONS**

Even though we will try, it will be impossible for us to thank everyone individually for what has been done to help us through this difficult time. So today we send this collective “Thank You”, and we extend our warm group-hug. Above all, we thank GOD for the years HE allowed Bruce Waldo Johnson to be with us. Amidst our immense sorrow and limited understanding, we acknowledge HIS WILL and cry as Job did, “THE LORD gave, and THE LORD hath taken away; blessed be the Name of THE LORD”.

-The Family