



CELEBRATION OF LIFE
CLEOPHAS CHARLES JOHNSON, JR.

NOVEMBER 26, 1964 - MARCH 14, 2025

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025 ~ 12PM EDT
IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
3100 TATES CREEK ROAD
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40502
OFFICIANT ~ SUPERINTENDENT NATHAN HORTON

OBITUARY

Superintendent, Cleophas Charles Johnson, Jr., a beloved Pastor and Servant of God, departed this life on March 14, 2025 in Lexington, Kentucky at the age of 60.

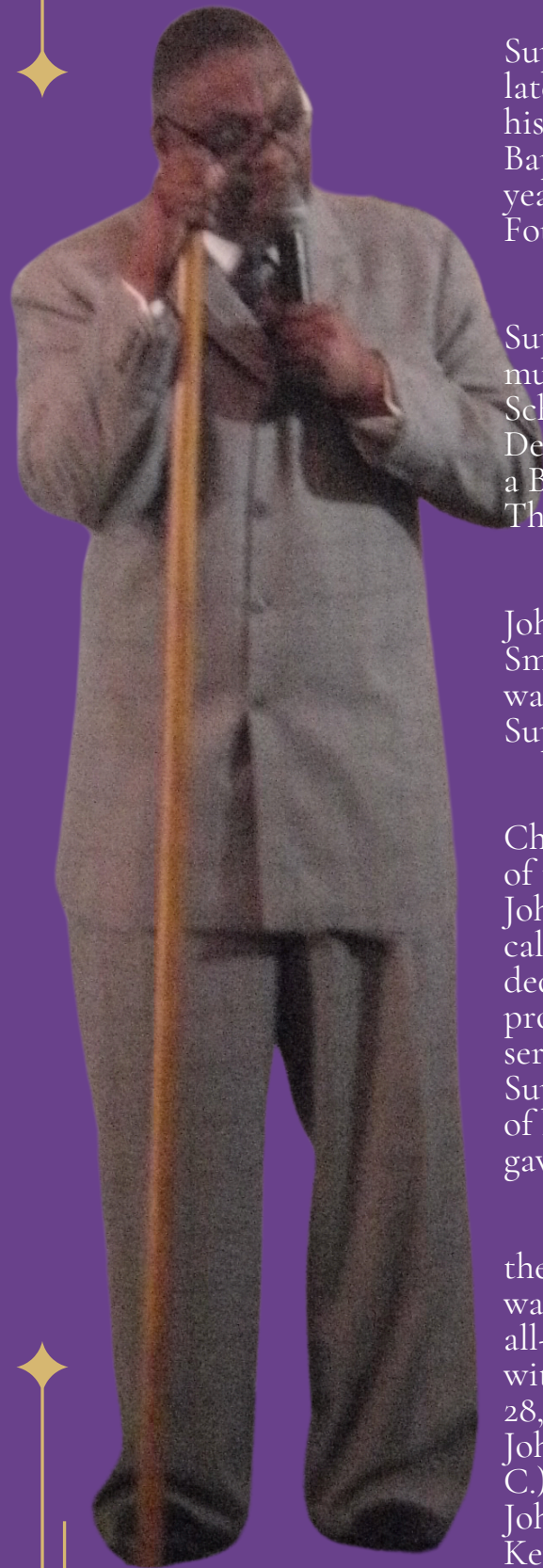
Born on November 26, 1964, in Chicago, Illinois, Superintendent Johnson, was the eldest of three sons born to the late Mr. Cleophas, Sr., & Mrs. Irene Cannon Johnson. He received his spiritual guidance and direction at Le Claire Missionary Baptist Church, in Chicago, Illinois, where at the age of nine years, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized by Founder and Pastor, the late Reverend Samuel T. Lynch.

Under the steadfast hands of his late father and mother, Superintendent Johnson excelled in academics, athletics, and music. As a prominent athlete, he graduated from Curie High School and attended the prestigious Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois on an academic scholarship. In 1987, he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Experimental Psychology as well as Theology, and a Minor in Communication.

Upon graduating from Millikin University, Superintendent Johnson moved to Tampa, Florida where he met Miss Evelyn A. Smalley. The two were united in marriage on March 9, 1990. It was in Tampa where the Lord magnified the calling on Superintendent Johnson's life.

He began preaching and teaching at Emmanuel Cathedral, Church of God in Christ in Seffner, Florida, under the leadership of the late Superintendent, Jesse H. Smalley, Sr. Superintendent Johnson served faithfully from 1990 until 1999 when the Lord called him to move to Lexington, Kentucky. Being totally dedicated to God, he left behind family, friends, and many prominent positions within the church. While in Florida he served as the Minister of Music, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant State Minister of Music, and Director of Music for the State Sunshine Band. Superintendent Johnson gave up all of man's positions and titles to be in the Will of God!

On June 21, 1999, The Temple of Prayer opened its doors for the first time in a 41-day revival. The first official worship service was on August 1, 1999. As a Pastor, Superintendent Johnson, went all-in on saving souls! He canvased the Lexington, Kentucky area with great expectation of God performing His Word. On August 28, 2001, God's manifestation of one promise to Superintendent Johnson was realized when Cleophas Charles Johnson, III (Little C.) was born. God had made a promise to Superintendent Johnson, while in Florida, that if he obeyed and moved to Kentucky, He would make him like Abram and bless him with a son. The premature birth of his son fueled Superintendent Johnson's faith for the next 23 years of his life.



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Throughout his pastoral career, Superintendent Johnson advised, coached, counseled, loved, ministered, and prayed unconditionally! He was a man that had signs and wonders wrought through the power of God. He was a source of comfort and guidance to many, always ready to offer a listening ear and a helping hand. Superintendent Johnson leaves behind a legacy of love, service, and unwavering faith.

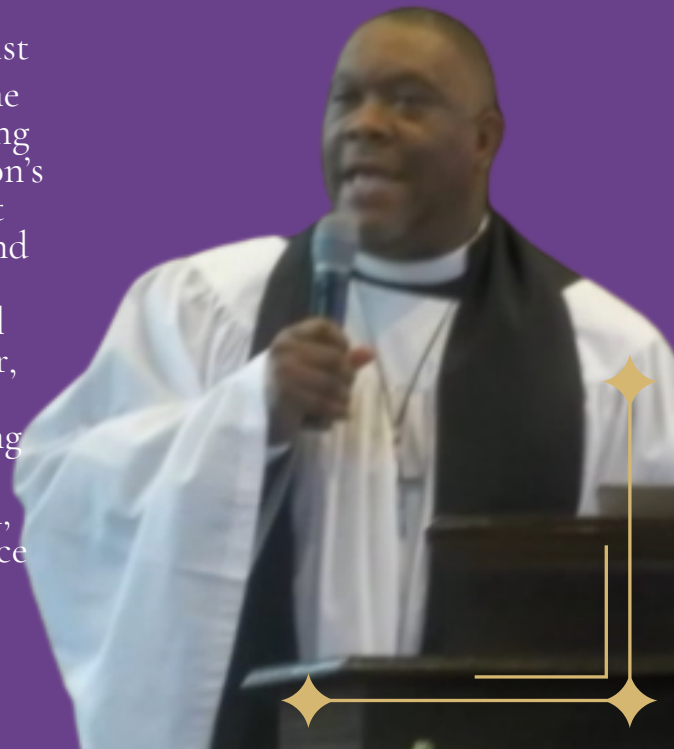
He is survived by his devoted wife, Evangelist, Evelyn A. Johnson of Lexington, Kentucky; one son, Cleophas Charles Johnson, III of Lexington, Kentucky; two daughters, Angela (Charles) Perry of Suwanee, Georgia and Ashley Browning of Rantoul, Illinois; two sisters, Algerita (Howard) Johnson of Springfield, Massachusetts and Phyllis (Clarence) Fulton of Madison, Wisconsin; five brothers, Pastor, Kevin Johnson (Dr. Arretta-Rie) of Zimmerman, Minnesota, Minister, Clifford Johnson (Sharee) of Chicago, Illinois, Bishop, Jerome (Consuela) Powell of Chicago, Illinois, Reverend, Demetrius Crawford of Chicago, Illinois, Reverend Reynard Williams of Chicago, Illinois; three grandchildren, Caleb Freeman, Noelle Perry, Sir Charles Perry; along with a host of cherished family, friends, and church family.

Preceded in death by his father, Cleophas Charles Johnson, Sr., his mother, Irene Cannon Johnson and brother, Cleophas (Sheila) Brisco, all of Chicago, Illinois.

His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Achievements and Accolades:

- Founder and Pastor of the Temple of Prayer Church of God in Christ
- Member of the Kentucky First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ; A.T. Moore Memorial District, Bishop John W. Fleming (Prelate)
- Served as District Superintendent for the New Millennium District for Tennessee Eastern First Jurisdiction, Bishop Felton M. Smith, Jr. (Prelate)
- Served as Chair of the Pastors and Elders Council for Tennessee Eastern First Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ
- Served as Sergeant of Arms for the Judiciary Board of the General Council of Pastors and Elders for the National Church of God in Christ
- A National Evangelist for the Church of God in Christ
- The Prayers that he prayed through the unction of the Holy Spirit, during 40 days of consecration and fasting led to the publication of Evangelist, Evelyn A. Johnson's first book, *A Call Into His Presence: When the Spirit Prays*, as she chronicled the first 20 days of prayers and experiences.
- Led a three-day revival in Tyler, Texas: Shift My Soul Revival Crusade (Recognized and Honored by Mayor, Barbara Bass)
- A Gifted Musician (organist), Song Writer, Recording Artist with several musical works to his credit
- C. Charles Johnson, Jr. Day, proclaimed in Lexington, Kentucky (2013) in Recognition of Community Service for the Citywide Back to School Prayer.



ORDER OF SERVICE

OFFICIATING ~ SUPERINTENDENT NATHAN HORTON

FINAL VIEWING
MUSICAL PRELUDE

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL / GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS / YES, LORD

INVOCATION
OLD TESTAMENT ~ PSALMS 20 (FAVORITE)
NEW TESTAMENT ~ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10

THE FAMILY
SIS. ZOE PERRYMAN
ELDER VICTOR A. MCCLEARY
PASTOR JAMES BOWLES
ELDER PETER BOWLES

WORDS OF EXPRESSIONS (3 MINUTES)

CHURCH FAMILY EXPRESSIONS

DEACON VICTOR MOSES
ELDER JAMICHAEL PERRYMAN
ELDER VICTOR A. MCCLEARY

FAMILY EXPRESSIONS

MOTHER CECELIA OTIS
SISTER-IN-LAW, TAMPA, FLORIDA

MUSICAL SELECTION

REVEREND CLIFFORD JOHNSON
BROTHER, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DEACONESS ANGELA FIFE
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

WORDS OF EXPRESSIONS (3 MINUTES)

SUPERVISOR ROMANETHA STALLWORTH
STATE SUPERVISOR, KENTUCKY FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION

SUPERINTENDENT FRANKLIN DOTSON
NEW HOPE TEMPLE & DELIVERANCE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, DECATUR, ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, JOHN A. HARRIS
NEW BEGINNING CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

BISHOP JEROME POWELL
BEACON LIGHT MINISTRIES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BISHOP CHARLES D. SHAW
REAL LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER, HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

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OBITUARY & RESOLUTIONS

MUSICAL TRIBUTE

WORDS OF COMFORT

SERMONIC SOLO

EULOGY

SIS. CHANTÉ PERRYMAN

REVEREND CLIFFORD JOHNSON

BISHOP JOHN W. FLEMING

JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE - KENTUCKY FIRST ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION

DR. ARRETTA - RIE JOHNSON

PASTOR KEVIN C. JOHNSON, SR.

BROTHER, RESURRECTION TEMPLE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT TO FOLLOW

EVERGREEN MEMORY GARDENS

5364 LEXINGTON ROAD, LEXINGTON, KY 40511

If You Could See Me Now

*If you could see me now you wouldn't shed a tear.
Though you may not understand why I'm no longer there.
Remember my spirit that is the real me because I'm still very
Much alive, I've just been set free, Oh, if you could only see!
I have beheld our Father's face and I've touched my Savior's
Hand. All of Heaven's angels rejoiced as I entered the Promised
Land. Beyond the gates of pearl I've walked on the golden streets.
I've touched the walls of jasper and dipped my foot in the
Crystal Sea. The beauty is beyond words and nothing could
Compare, I've even seen your mansion and someday
I'll meet you there. Let Jesus be your guide because
His Word will show you the way! So please don't
Cry because we will meet again someday.*

Author ~ Patsy Stambaugh Deskins

PALLBEARERS

ELDER JAMICHAEL PERRYMAN
DEACON VICTOR MOSES
DEACON MICHAEL CONNOR

JOSHUA MCCLEARY
HARRISON JOHNSON
LANGSTON JOHNSON

FLOWER BEARERS
MOTHERS & MISSIONARIES

SPECIAL THANKS

THE FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE, UNDERSTANDING AND COMFORT SHOWN DURING THIS TIME OF TRANSITION. YOUR PRAYERS, VISITS, CARDS, WELL WISHES, FLOWERS, TELEPHONE CALLS AND OTHER ACTS OF KINDNESS ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED. WE HAVE FOUND PEACE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:
THE TEMPLE OF PRAYER CHURCH
KENTUCKY FIRST JURISDICTION
IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
EVERGREEN MEMORY GARDENS
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
ELLIOTT-BOWLES MORTUARY

RECEPTION

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
516 PASADENA DRIVE
LEXINGTON, KY 40503

TEMPLE OF PRAYER VISION

THE TEMPLE OF PRAYER IS OPEN TO THE WILL AND POWER OF GOD. WE PUT NO LIMITS ON GOD AND WHAT HE CAN DO. WE ENDEAVOR TO BE A PRAYED OUT BODY OF SAINTS WILLING TO BE OBEDIENT TO THE WORD OF GOD. ULTIMATELY THROUGH THE CHURCH, GOD WILL SAVE, DELIVER, HEAL AND LIBERATE SOULS. TEMPLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY WILL REACH THE WORLD.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

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