



Mr. Harris C. Johnson, Sr.

January 29, 1928 - March 30, 2016

Mr. Harris C. Johnson, Sr., age 88, departed this life on March 30, 2016. Surviving relatives include his son, Jerry Giles; daughter, Sylvia Alford; grandchildren, Jeannie Wilder; great grandchildren, DaMountta Hasty and Glameria Taylor.

Funeral services will take place on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at St. Joseph A.M.E. Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC 27707, beginning at 12:00 noon. A visitation with family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 560-4154

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church
2521 Fayetteville St
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 683-1379

Service

APR 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Harris C. Johnson, Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Thaddeus Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harris C. Johnson, Sr.*



Thaddeus Daniels - June 04, 2022 at 12:18 AM



“ *I first met Mr. Johnson in 1997 when I entered NCCU as a freshman. He looked out for me the entire time I was there, and though we lost touch after I graduated in 2001, I have never forgotten him. He was kind, a good listener, and had a great sense of humor. My fondest memory of Mr. Johnson was me asking him to quit smoking, to which he replied, "Smoking is my only vice." I loved Mr. Johnson, and I regret that I did not keep in touch. Rest in Heaven, young man.*



Shannon Upperman - August 08, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ My Prayers go out to the Family especially his grandson who I watched grow up, just by Mr. Johnson bringing him into Office Depot almost every day or at least it felt like it. You will be truly missed not only by me but so many others. Your kindness, generosity and whitty personality I enjoyed every time You walked through those doors of Office Depot My heart is heavy but I know you are at peace. MayGOD keep and Bless your Family Amen 🙏



Dana Lyons - May 02, 2016 at 09:06 AM

GB

He was such a sweet man! I no longer work there but I remember his visits to the store as well with his grandson. Praying for the family.....heaven has truly gained a Angel

Gabrielle Burnette - May 02, 2016 at 12:31 PM

MR

“ Monica Romweber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harris C. Johnson, Sr.



monica romweber - May 01, 2016 at 03:29 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in Psalm 34:18. "God is close to the broken-hearted and saves those crushed in spirit. "Make God your comfort. He "heals the broken-hearted." Psalm 147:3 and provides "refuge and strength in times of distress." Psalm 46:1

S Savage - April 13, 2016 at 01:54 PM

AT

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Harris Johnson. I truly enjoyed the many visits he paid to Congressman Butterfield's office to share their history in the civil rights movement, his grassroots activism, and his strong commitment to politics. I admired your wisdom and eloquence. Thanks, Mr. Johnson, for your dedication and your passion for serving the people of Durham and NC.*

I will miss your kindness and your visits!
Annette Taylor

Annette Taylor - April 08, 2016 at 03:20 PM

SP

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Susan Pochapsky - April 08, 2016 at 08:50 AM

ET

“ *Effenus Henderson, Founding President, Tau Phi Tau purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Harris C. Johnson, Sr..*



Effenus Henderson, Founding President, Tau Phi Tau - April 07, 2016 at 05:00 PM

DF

“ Such a devoted community servant, father and grandfather. He was so committed to making sure Demonte made it to choir rehearsal each Wed. He would bring Demonte and wait for him until rehearsal was over. I enjoyed talking with him about Durham's political and AF Am history. He will be missed...Desdemona Faison

Desdemona faison - April 07, 2016 at 08:37 AM

EM

“ I remember Mr. Johnson as a wise man, counselor, and advisor. He was responsible for my appointment as the first black congressional intern from the State of North Carolina in the office of Ike Andrews. We also travelled together to the 2008 Democratic National Convention where President Obama accepted the nomination. Mr. Johnson was a remarkable man with a deep passion for students and social justice. I learned so much from him and he will be missed. I will always admire and honor him for his wisdom, commitment, and care for this country, nation, and the Durham community and most of all his patience in the struggle for students. I am sure it took more energy than many of us have some days.



Rest well my friend, you always gave without seeking a return and spread hope instead of despair. I am forever thankful because you taught me how to empower and not control.

*Elmira Mangum, Ph.D
President
Florida A&M University*

Elmira Mangum - April 06, 2016 at 04:52 PM

GC

“ *Mr. Johnson combined a burning passion for justice with a friendly outlook and optimism about his fellow humans. He was a wonderful guide to the nitty gritty of the democratic process and shared a wealth of knowledge and experience. He saw a lot of changes in his lifetime and was part of making those changes happen. What an impactful life! I will truly miss his cheerful presence at our meetings and conventions. Deepest sympathy to family and loved ones.*

Gisele Crawford - April 05, 2016 at 11:37 AM

JO

“ *Judges: Pat Evans, Doretta Walker, Drew Marsh & Elaine Oneal purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Mr. Harris C. Johnson, Sr..*



Judges: Pat Evans, Doretta Walker, Drew Marsh & Elaine Oneal - April 05, 2016 at 09:36 AM

MH

“ *Harris Johnson was a staunch progressive advocate. He was one of those steadfast citizens who take democracy seriously and make it work. He will be missed for that and many other fine qualities. My condolences to his family.*

Mark Hellman - April 05, 2016 at 09:07 AM

BP

Harris Johnson was a mentor to me. He always took the time to advise me on current issues. He enjoyed working very much with students. He was the conscience for those less privileged. He will be greatly missed.
Brenda Pollard

Brenda Pollard - April 06, 2016 at 03:59 PM

SP

Harris Johnson was mentor, guide, and good conscience to so many Durham Democrats. All my sympathies to his family. We will miss him in the flesh, but his spirit will live on.

Susan Pochapsky - April 08, 2016 at 08:46 AM

SH

“ *What a wonderful man. I always enjoyed talking to him at our executive committee meetings each month. I will truly miss him.*

Shelia Huggins - April 05, 2016 at 08:07 AM

SS

“ *Harris was my precinct chair for many years and my mentor in learning about local Democratic Party history and process. He had a story (and then another one) for any occasion. He also had several new ideas on what we could do to elect better Democrats every day, an activist in the best sense of that word. I am honored to have worked with him.*

Susan Sewell, Precinct 40

Susan Sewell - April 05, 2016 at 06:49 AM

MW

I met Harris in the late 1990's, through a business contact. When I first met him, I could discern that he was in various of politics and to maneuver within it. He knew what to do at the appropriate time and people listen. He was an awesome man and mentor. I remember what he would say every time we got together, "how are you young man" and I would say, I am great! I will miss the things he would share in regards to things that were taking place in the community and with people.

He would always mention his grandson Demonte. I will miss those conversations we would have for many hours. I would comment every now and then, but mostly listen.

Mark & Rebecca Watt

Mark Watt - January 15, 2018 at 07:12 AM