



## Hanley Johnson, Sr.

August 25, 1948 - December 5, 2015

JOHNSON, Mr. Hanley Sr. - age 67, passed away, Saturday, December 5, 2015 at McLaren Hospital Oakland. Family hour 10:30AM Wednesday December 16, 2015 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St. with Memorial service commencing immediately at 11:00AM. Family and Friends will assemble at the funeral home 10:30AM Wednesday. There will be no public viewing.

Mr. Hanley D. Johnson was born August 25, 1948 in Blytheville, Arkansas, the son of Hanley and Ruth Nell Johnson. Hanley moved to Pontiac, Michigan at a young age with his parents. He attended Pontiac Central High School where he participated in several extra curricular activities including track. After graduation, in 1967 Hanley served his country in the United States Army, until he was honorable discharges in 1971. He began his work life with Pontiac Motors, then with Grand Trunk Railroad where he worked from 1973 until 1992 after a brief retirement he began working with Lang and Associates in 1993. It was at Lang and Associates, that he met his beloved wife, Sara. They enjoyed working together and traveling together until 2006, when his health challenges began still maintaining an upbeat love for life. Hanley enjoyed grilling, fishing, chatting with his C.B. buddies, keeping company with his family and friends (lifelong friends, Roy Donsa and James "Fish" Williams. He always supported his grandchildren in all their endeavors, he was their biggest fan. Hanley enjoyed music from all genres from Rock n' Roll, Classical Jazz,

some of his favorites were: Parliament, Michael Franks and Tupac. As his health began to fail he would smile and be an encouragement to all he came in contact with his personality would light up a room. He will truly be missed, but he would always say “I have had a good life!”

Mr. Johnson leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Sara “Vicky” Johnson; children, Camille Johnson, Judy (Darrell) Smith, Michelle (Daniel) Stevenson, Valerie Harris, Courtney Harris, Sherman King, Hanley D. (Heidi) Johnson, Hanley J. (Kristina) Johnson, Kalen D. Johnson and Sterling Harris; grandchildren, Cassandra Everett, Caren Ann King, Jwane Craig, Shermatte Kini Craig, Ja’Toria Ware, Destiny Johnson, Dessirae, Johnson, Devin Johnson, Derek Johnson, Dannie Stevenson, LaKasha (Derek) Burtle, Onterio Johnson, Devontae Johnson, JLeynah Johnson, Kalynn Johnson, Samiya Johnson, Isiah (Julia) Eller, Kayla (Cordell) James, Deon Delong, Kaleya Armstrong, Coriahn Harris, Joshua Watts, Nadia Adams, Elan Harris, Ja’Caria Harris, Dimitius Adams Jr.; eight great grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara Ann (James) Chance and Angela (General Leonard) Isabelle; aunt, Ruby Osborne; uncle, Bill Jenkins; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his parents, Hanley and Ruth Nell Johnson; daughter, Tamera Harris; brother, Robert (Yaronna) Johnson.

The family would like to express special thanks to Kathy Dennise, family and friends.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

DEC **16**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Memorial Service

DEC **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hanley Johnson, Sr..*



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December 13, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ *My Daddy, he was married to my mother and raised me and my brother. Loved us like we were his own children .I miss him and love him for loving me first. I cant make it to his memorial and my heart is broken because of it. Dad I love you and going to miss talking to you on the phone and seeing your face when I come to Pontiac*



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**judy smith** - December 13, 2015 at 08:18 AM



“ *Miss.M Hurner sent a virtual gift in memory of Hanley Johnson, Sr.*



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**Miss.M Hurner** - December 11, 2015 at 09:43 AM

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*My condolences to the family. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Hanley is spoken of in my house with respect and love. While in high school we knew each other and I was impressed with his basketball skills. I was drafted into the U.S.Army in 1970 and sent to Ft.Eustis,Va. Upon arrival they told me I had been transferred to Ft.Story,Va. way down on the Atlantic Ocean. I was feeling really down. When I got to Ft.Story they told me I would be sleeping in the last barracks,last bunk,second floor.I was feeling really down and all alone. Away from family,no friends,just plain miserable !! I dragged my duffel bag up the stairs and down a seemingly never ending hallway,when I heard a voice yell out.JERRY ALLEN !!! It was HANLEY JOHNSON. I will never forget the JOY of hearing his friendly welcome. Hanley helped me in adjusting to the Army. He was always very encouraging. We took many leaves of absences together driving his 1965 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible back to Pontiac to see our respective families. We were also teammates on the Ft.Story basketball team. HANLEY may be gone but he will never be forgotten :) GOD IS GOOD !!!*

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**Jerry Allen (New Kensington,Pa.)** - December 23, 2015 at 10:53 PM