



Larry Dwayne Johnson

August 7, 1952 - May 17, 2020

Larry Dwayne Johnson was born August 7, 1952 in Detroit, Michigan to Ophelia Johnson and Tommie Peterson. Larry graduated from Detroit Northern High School and attended Wayne State University, which led to a career as a journeyman electrician at Ford Motor Company and later a high voltage electrician at Rouge Steel. In 1973, he married his high school sweetheart, Maxine Johnson. From this union, their daughter, Candice, was born. He married his soulmate, LaDonna McQueen in 1995. Together, they welcomed a son, Larry, and a daughter, Crystal. Their union was tragically cut short with LaDonna's passing in 1999. In 2007, he married Pamela Cobb. Larry was also blessed with a son, Justin, from a previous relationship.

In his younger years, Larry was very athletic. He ran track for his high school team and continued to run as well as ride his bike on Belle Isle Park recreationally for many years. He was also a very good basketball player. Even in his 50's, he could dominate the 20-somethings on the court. He enjoyed working, spending time with family and friends, doing home improvement projects, cooking, and keeping up with fashion trends. Everyone who knew Larry knew he could grow a head of healthy and long hair. In his later years, Larry's mobility became limited, so he developed good friendships with residents in his apartment building. Many of the residents enjoyed spending time with him, admired his sense of humor and how well he dressed, and appreciated his kindness, as he was always willing to give money to or buy food for a friend in need. Affectionately referred to as "PawPaw" by his grandchildren, Larry enjoyed being a grandfather and appreciated visits from his grandchildren very much.

Larry leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Ophelia Murray; children, Candice Washington (Terry), Justin Price (Bianca), Larry Johnson, Jr., and Crystal Johnson; his siblings, Wanda Clemons (Curtis), Lillian Baker, Edwin Murray, and Diana Collins (Darrin); his grandchildren, Justin Price, Jr., TaShya Johnson, Paradise Johnson, and Nicholas and Amber Washington; nephews, nieces, great-nephews, a great-niece, cousins, and dear friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife, LaDonna Johnson, and brothers, William Johnson, Roosevelt Johnson, and Willie Murray.

Events

MAY **Family Hour** 02:00PM - 02:30PM

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Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI, US, 48075

MAY **Memorial Service** 02:30PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 30 at 02:09 PM



“ Dear friend
You will be missed
Condolences to your family

diane garner - May 30 at 02:40 PM



“ Praying for the Johnson family. Love The Price Family

Autumn Price - May 30 at 03:05 PM



“ Mr. & Mrs. Cleophas Rodgers Sr. of Missouri City, TX send our condolences. love and prayers during the loss of you Father.

Pamela Rodgers - May 30 at 03:13 PM



“ Condolences and prayers to the Johnson/Washington family with love from the Watts family.

Shawanna Watts - May 30 at 03:21 PM



“ Sending my condolences to the Johnson family

CHERYL DAVIS - May 30 at 04:53 PM



“ My Big Brother Larry! I have so many memories of us together growing up. We compared our large afro's together. We went to basement parties and cabarets. He always thought that he was the best dancer and dresser. I must admit he was. Down my memory lane with my brother I can recall his happiness during his marriage to Maxine and LaDonna and his special relationship. Although he was not perfect, there were some wonderful times. That came to truth as he was blessed with four beautiful children. They are all blessed in there special way. I love you my nieces and nephews. Stay strong, think of the good times, and most of all put GOD in your daily walk he will guide you.

Auntie Wanda

Wanda Clemons - May 30 at 10:32 PM



“ Love you auntie Wanda
Larry - May 30 at 11:15 PM



“ Love you more!!!!
Wanda - May 31 at 05:19 PM



“ To my niece Candice, I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of my friend and former brother-in-law Larry Johnson. May his loving memory endure and may his soul rest in peace.
Chuck Johnson

Charles Johnson - May 30 at 02:13 PM



“ , Even tho she's only briefly mentioned in the obituary my mom PAMELA COBB was in a 17-year relationship with my beloved stepfather before getting married in 2007. Larry was the only father I've known because my father passed when I was a year old. When he met my mom I was 10. And he has always been there for me. He and my mom were married soon after his 1st health scare...My mom took really good care of him and nursed him back to health along with the grace of GOD. And continued to care for him up until their divorce in 2015 do to circumstances beyond their control...Just a few details I thought I should share. With that being said I appreciate everything you ever have done for me. You will truly be missed but never forgotten, Love Your Favorite Stepdaughter, TAMIKA COBB.

Tamika Cobb - May 30 at 01:16 AM



“ LaDonna was my sister-in-law at the time so that means yo mom was a sidechick wow.
Diana Collins - May 31 at 11:02 AM



“ she was creeping with a married man Smh and she was screaming God this an god that smh God bless you pam even threw the sack chasing and the lies come on now you your mom and grandad actually lied to that man said yall hit the lottery for 500 thousand and need funds until your check cashed 🤔 he gave u money but that man ain't believe yall I'm going to keep it 100 pam was a trick that secured a bag temporary my mom died my dad was hurt an she screwed her way in then trick a man to marry her on his deathbed thinking that he was going to die
#allfacts

Larry - June 01 at 11:30 AM



“ ^ what they said ! #LONGLIVEMYPAWPAW
Yallknow - June 01 at 01:25 PM



“ Haha!!! Believe what yaw what im not here to throw dirty on PawPaw“s Name.... but every one knows it takes two to tango and I wouldn't call being in a 17 year relationship just a fling.... No matter who was with who and if he was pay he the Trick And to Little Larry Your Dad took vows in a church and in front of God to be faithful to your mom

Tamika Cobb - June 19 at 12:35 PM



“ My mom didn't put a gun to his head!!! Everything he did he want too!!!!

Tamika Cobb - June 19 at 12:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Dwayne Johnson.



May 29 at 01:01 PM



“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Crystal - May 28 at 07:24 PM



“ My relationship with my dad was not perfect, but it was ours. I wish as a kid we could have spent more time together, but I am thankful for the good times we had. He taught me how to drive in his big Ford F-150 pickup truck, which was scary at the time, but it made me a confident driver. He taught others in the family how to drive, too. I guess he was the go-to driving instructor. I am thankful for the lessons he taught me on the basketball court. I knew if he and I played a game of 21 and I let him make just one basket, he would win the game from the free throw line. That taught me to step up my game. I miss him and will always love him.

Larry's daughter, Candi

Candice Washington - May 28 at 10:33 AM