



Larry Johnson

June 22, 1938 - June 11, 2021

In Remembrance of Our Beloved

Larry Johnson of Detroit, MI passed away on June 11, 2021 but his wisdom and kindness will not be forgotten. Although Larry may have gotten sick near the end but in our eyes he had never lost the strength and supreme character that we always knew him for. He was the voice that never failed to give us the best of advice. A man of principal and generosity Larry was firm for what he believed in and it was from him that we learned to stay strong, choose wisely treat kindly and of course, "Buy American". But Larry was more than just a stoic figure. He was also a great communicator whether it be through song or carefully chosen words he touched hearts and affected positive change of many. There are so many things to remember about him like how he could make a mean sweet potato pie and dressing; loved to throw parties, play cards and travel. Like how he always opened his home making sure to keep an abundant variety of chips, cookies, and cakes on hand to make all feel welcomed. Like how he could turn any occasion into a karaoke event whether it be when friends and family (and the cable guy!) came over, when we were eating dinner or watching a movie...He even traveled with a portable karaoke just in case. Like how he always imported statements that were insightful and that could bring a chuckle to a moment of seriousness like, "I am not always right but I am never wrong". So while we stand deeply grieved by the loss of one of the pillars in our family we are also thankful for the chance to have had him. He respected his role of being a provider, a protector, and a peacemaker

in the family which made him one of the most powerful men I knew.

Larry is survived by his wife: Reta; Children: Cookie, April, and Kris; Grandchildren: Andreana, Justin, Tamia, Tyler, and Trevor; Great grandchild: Arielle; Sister: Leila, and brothers: Tom, and Stanley. He is also survived by honorary brothers and sister: Louis, Steve, Al, and Evelyn, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. His passing was preceded by his parents: Helen and Joseph; sisters: Josephine, Hattie Mae, and Margaret; and brothers: Ralph and Harvey.

Previous Events

Strolling Visitation

JUN 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Family/Friends Time

JUN 19. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUN 19. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast Funeral Service in memory of Larry Johnson*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 19, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ *Larry Johnson*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Larry Johnson*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM

KJ

“ *Ms Rita and family,*

I just want to send a personal thank you for being in my parents lives. I am grateful for the love and support that you and Mr. Larry shared with me and my family. I'm sending prayers of support your way as you go through your grieving period. Take care and God Bless!

*Karen Y Jones
Brooklyn Park, MD*

Karen Y Jones - June 19, 2021 at 02:53 PM

BJ

“ Larry,

We will always keep you in our hearts, thoughts, and memories. You and Reta have been Awesome friends to us! I will treasure your friendship always, and Reta and I will continue our friendship! You were a man of character who could be trusted, and depended on. You met no strangers, and always had a friendly word for everyone. You were a leader, and very capable in all your endeavors! We will miss your beautiful voice and serenading.

Your beautiful, friendly smile will be missed by us, and the world!

We thank God for sending you to us, and thank your family for sharing you with us, and the world!

Farewell, Sweet King, until we meet again! I know PJ welcomed you into heaven with open arms. Now the two of you can sing and rejoice together.

*Much love always,
Barbara J. Jones
North Las Vegas, NV*

Barbara J. Jones - June 19, 2021 at 02:19 PM

KJ

“ To Mrs. Reta and family.
I had only met you both in person briefly, but the warmth of your presence definitely left an impression. My parents love you both so much and I will always be grateful for the love, support, and kindness that you always have shown to them and others in my family. You both have made such a positive impact on the lives of so many and a man like Mr. Larry can't help but be missed. What you both bring to the lives of others is priceless. Thank you both for just being all that God created you to be and letting the light and love of God shine through you. God bless and keep you and your family always.
Sincerely,
Kris Jones and family
(Family of Percy and Barbara Jones)

Kris Jones - June 19, 2021 at 02:04 PM

RT

“ My Dear Rita, I send you my love as you travel this road today. Light and love are my wishes for you. I shall always remember Larry searching for economical lunches for Seniors in Las Vegas. He is not physically with us but his presence will always be here. Light and love.
Rowena Trim

Rowena Trm - June 19, 2021 at 01:04 PM

GS

“ My Deepest Condolences and Continued Prayers to the Johnson Family from Gloria Scott



Gloria Scott - June 19, 2021 at 09:37 AM

MO

“ Larry was my one and only Brother in law and was always there for me as a child. He would take me along with April and Cookie wherever they went! To the Zoo, Circus, Movies etc. I remember Larry as always being kind and generous with his time, money and kind words. He was a wonderful Dad to His children and always did the right things. Rest In Peace my Brother-in-law.❤️

Marilynn Onaghise - June 19, 2021 at 09:01 AM



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



June 19, 2021 at 08:50 AM

RB

“ I am saddened to hear of uncle Larry’s passing. He was truly a blessing in my life. His kindness and willingness to help people is a legacy in and of itself. As he joins dad in the afterlife, may he rest easy, God knows , no one is more deserving. Love Roni❤️🙏

Roni Blackman - June 19, 2021 at 02:56 AM

JH

“ Larry will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Reta and all the family.
Sending love, from Art and Jaci Harrison

Jacqueline Harrison - June 18, 2021 at 01:24 PM

BF

“ *Barbara Jones and Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Larry Johnson.*



Barbara Jones and Family - June 15, 2021 at 09:08 PM