



**FLOWER BEARERS**  
 Tracy Conrad    Natasha Robinson  
 Sabrina Robinson    Sharon Robinson  
 LaMesa Sith

**PALL BEARERS**  
 Christopher Conrad    Joseph Conrad  
 William Conrad    Jamar Johnson  
 Jiwan Johnson    Isaiah Jones

*God Took Him to His Loving Home*

*God saw him getting tired, a cure was not to be.  
 He wrapped him in His loving arms and whispered  
 "Come with me."  
 He suffered much in silence, his spirit did not bend.  
 He faced his pain with courage until the very end.  
 He tried so hard to stay with us but his fight was in vain.  
 God took him to His loving home  
 and freed him from the pain.  
 -Anonymous-*

**Our Sincere Gratitude**

Words in our hearts cannot thank you enough for  
 the kindness and love shown to us  
 during our time of this difficult loss.  
 We thank you for your prayers, constant support and  
 unwavering friendship.

Our appreciation is extended to:  
*Dr. McBroome at Forsyth Medical Center*  
*Ms. Carla Blue of Ortho Carolina.*

**The Family of Joseph Lee Johnson**

**Clark S. Brown**  
**& Sons** SINCE 1928  
**FUNERAL HOME**  
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HOME-GOING SERVICE FOR

*Mr. Joseph Lee Johnson*

*Joe Johnson on the 1st Tee at Winston Lake Golf Course*

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017  
 2:00 PM

THE CHAPEL  
 CLARK S. BROWN & SONS FUNERAL HOME  
 727 NORTH PATTERSON AVENUE  
 WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND EDWARD L. MOORE, EULOGIST



OBITUARY

*“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith” II Timothy 4:7*

Joseph Lee Johnson was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina to the late Edward Johnson and Alice Mackey Johnson on August 13, 1940.

He attended the public schools of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County and graduated from Atkins High School.

Joe was a machine operator for R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and retired following thirty-seven years of dedicated service to the company.

He was a professional player on the Black Golf Tour before Blacks were allowed to play on the PGA Tour *(founded in 1929, the organizer of the main professional golf tours played primarily by men in the United States and North America)*.

“A Living Legend, Joe Johnson is the first African American to play and win the Forsyth Invitational Golf Tournament (1966).” He also coached for the Earnest Morris Junior Golf Program at Winston Lake Golf Course in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Mr. Joseph Lee Johnson entered his eternal rest to be with Our Father in Heaven at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem on Saturday, July 15, 2017, following a period of illness. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Hazel Johnson; two brothers, Edward and Robert Johnson; a great granddaughter, Dashia; and a brother-in-law, Bobbie Joins.

Those family members who survive and who will forever cherish loving memories of him include Carolyn M. Jones, his devoted wife of forty-six years; two daughters, Victoria K. Johnson of Charlotte and Vernita K. Johnson of the city; his step children, Dewanna Conrad and Willie B. (Jackie) Conrad, Jr.; two sisters, Ann Joins and Bessie Gray; a brother, Narvell (Plusha) Johnson; fourteen loving grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Gretchen Moore and Ella Robinson; a brother-in-law, Reverend Edward L. Moore; a host of nieces and nephews; and several extended family members and friends.

Home-Going Service for  
*Mr. Joseph Lee Johnson*

Musical Prelude *(Pre-recorded)*

Procession	Clergy and Family
Gathering of Family and Friends	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Selection	<i>“The Battle Is the Lords”</i>
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<u>The Holy Scripture</u>	
Old Testament Reading	Reverend Laura Smith
New Testament Reading	Reverend Edward L. Moore

Prayer of Comfort	Reverend Laura Smith
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Special Reflections  
*(Limit remarks to 2 minutes, please)*

Solo	Jackie McArthur
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Musical Selection	<i>“Jesus Is Love”</i>
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-Silent Reading of the Obituary-

Eulogy	Reverend Edward L. Moore
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Recessional	<i>“I’ll Fly Away”</i>
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THE INTERMENT  
Woodland Cemetery  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina



A PRAYER FOR GOLFERS

*“Almighty God, as we play through  
our 18 holes of life, we pray that You will  
give us a drive that’s both long enough  
to reach our goals, and yet straight  
enough to keep us out of trouble.”*

*“Help us avoid he traps and hazards  
of life; nevertheless, should we find  
ourselves in them, give us the tools,  
skills and desire  
to escape them with no penalty.  
May we always stay in bounds.”*

*“Help us to be willing to stand by -  
and not play through – those in genuine need.  
May we always play with honor.”*

*“And finally, when we’ve putted out on  
the 18th green, we pray that we will have  
demonstrated the integrity of our character,  
so that You will judge us worthy enough  
to join Your threesome and play eternally  
on Your heavenly course. Amen”*

IN MEMORIAM

JOSEPH LEE JOHNSON  
*August 13, 1940 - July 15, 2017*

