



## **S.J. Johnson Jr.**

April 6, 1947 - August 29, 2025

S.J. Johnson, Jr. was born on April 6th, 1947 in Augusta, Georgia and fell asleep in death on August 29, 2025 at his home at the age of 78. He is the son of Robbie Mae Cobbs and S.J. Johnson, Sr. and grew up surrounded by a host of siblings. He attended Carver High and in 1968 he enlisted in the United States Army. In 1970, while on tour, he sustained an injury and was honorably discharged. Following that time, S.J. lived in Oakland, California but eventually returned to his home town of Augusta, GA. Shortly thereafter, S.J. became a father for the first time when his daughter, Zandra, was born.

S.J. believed there had to be more to life than the violence and war-time atrocities he'd experienced. That's when he started his search for answers from a higher source. In 1974, he found answers to all his questions when he began studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses, whose beliefs are rooted in love for God, love for neighbor and closely following the example of God's son, Jesus Christ. (Matthew 22:36-40) On July 4th, 1975, he made the most pivotal and meaningful decision of his life when he expressed his dedication to Jehovah God through baptism.

In July 1977, he met Helen McMillan, a beautiful woman who shared his spiritual values, at a Bible convention in Montgomery, Alabama. And on February 25th, 1978 they were married. For more than 47 years, Helen proved to be a loyal and devoted life partner.

After marriage, S.J. and Helen settled in Anniston, AL where they became a part of the Anniston West Congregation. There, they both faithfully served their God together and worked hard in the ministry, building strong bonds of friendship that have continued until this day. Eventually, three more children came along-Stephanie, Steven and Benjamin- and S.J. and Helen strived to raise them with those same strong spiritual values. In 1989, the family moved to Centre, Alabama. where their spiritual family grew as they were warmly welcomed into the Centre Congregation.

S.J. enjoyed serving in various theocratic roles over the decades and was well-known in both the congregation and the community as someone who was always willing to assist others in any way he could. S.J. especially enjoyed boldly but lovingly sharing his faith at every opportunity. S.J. was an active gym-goer and fitness advocate throughout his life, however, he never turned down a tasty home cooked meal--especially if it included "a bone of some sort". He worked very hard as a small business owner to support his family financially, recreationally and spiritually.

S.J.'s four children are forever grateful for his love and for the rich spiritual heritage he provided them.

He is survived by his devoted wife Helen; His beloved children-Zandra (Terry) Mitchell, Stephanie Johnson, Steven Johnson and Benjamin (Tatiana) Johnson; Two dear grandsons-Zaquan (Jakira) Wood and Ezra Johnson; One special great-granddaughter, Marzz Wood.

His surviving siblings are his sisters: Eva Davis, Christine Lyons, Vivian Jordan, Diane (Ricky) Leverett, Pamela Howard, Barbara Cobbs, Jessica Johnson, and Sawanna (Chris) Chavis, Ladricka "Shante" (Terence) Johnson Harper, Mavis (Randy) Hopper ; his brothers: Roosevelt (Kim) Johnson, Sr., James McKinney, Ronnie McKinney, Jerome McKinney, Jonathan (Sad'e) Johnson, and Devonte Johnson. Siblings preceding him in death are Eulie Lee, Jr., Charles "Moochie" Johnson, Debra Johnson, Mary Lee, John "David" Lee, Sr., Michael McKinney, Leroy Johnson, Betty Jo Johnson and Clarence "Smokey" Johnson. He is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Friday, September 12, 2025 from 4:00pm CST to 6:00pm CST at Perry Funeral Home (1611 East Bypass, Centre, AL 35960). Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 13th, 2025 at 3:00pm CST at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (3350 Cedar Bluff Rd, Centre, AL 35960). Burial will take place on Monday, September 15th, 2025 at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL.

# Cemetery Details

## Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Hwy 119  
Montevallo, AL 35115

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Perry Funeral Home  
1611 Clarence E Chesnut Jr Bypass  
Centre, AL 35960  
(256) 927-3222

## Funeral Service

SEP **13.** 3:00 PM (CT)

Kindgom Hall Of Jehovah's Witness  
3350 Cedar Bluff Rd  
Centre, AL 35960

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of S.J. Johnson Jr..* ”



September 15, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ *Maude and Deborah Ross purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of S.J. Johnson Jr..* ”



**Maude and Deborah Ross** - September 13, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ *Bishop Black & your DCJC family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of S.J. Johnson Jr..* ”



**Bishop Black & your DCJC family** - September 13, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ *Stewart and Wallace Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of S.J. Johnson Jr..* ”



**Stewart and Wallace Family** - September 12, 2025 at 07:00 PM

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“ *Stewart and Wallace Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of S.J. Johnson Jr..*

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**Stewart and Wallace Family** - September 12, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of S.J. Johnson Jr..*



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September 12, 2025 at 07:33 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of S.J. Johnson Jr..*



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September 11, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of S.J. Johnson Jr..*

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September 11, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Perry Funeral Home Inc. - September 11, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ Denise, Stephanie, and Briana purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of S.J. Johnson Jr..



Denise, Stephanie, and Briana - September 10, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ From Shae and Ducey purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of S.J. Johnson Jr..



From Shae and Ducey - September 10, 2025 at 08:41 AM

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“ *Uncle Jay will be truly missed by all. He was a genuine servant for God and he loved his wife so much as well as his children. A very selfless man with a heart for the things of God. Rest now Uncle, there is no suffering no pain only peace.*

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**Antoinette Davis** - September 09, 2025 at 11:04 PM

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“ *Pray that God give the family peace.  
God bless Rev. Ruby Simmons.*

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**Ruby simmons** - September 09, 2025 at 07:46 AM