

## Hershel Evans Johnson Sr.

June 22, 1950 - September 11, 2015

Hershel Evans Johnson Sr. was born on June 22, 1950. Herschel was the second born child of Elle Ellois and Lloyd Johnson's marriage, after Rayfield, and followed by Tomma, and Roxane. Hershel is the grandson of Clara English and Willard Thornton. His maternal grandparents were Clara English and Willard Thornton. His paternal grandparents were Victoria and Edwin Johnson.

While attending Dunbar elementary school in Kinloch Missouri, he joined the Memorial Lancers Drum and Bugle Corps (1959-1966) as a drummer which played a role in developing his lifelong love for music. A proud Kinlochian, Hershel earned his varsity letter in cross country. Quite the Scholar, Hershel attended Kinloch High School and Webster University, simultaneously as a participant in the dual enrollment program from 1966 to 1968. After graduating from Kinloch in 1968, he went on to attend Lincoln University from 1968 to 1971.

Hershel married his high school sweetheart, Donetha Eldridge, in 1969. Two children were born to Donetha and Hershel; Scharnae, his eldest child and Hershel Johnson, Jr. After 4 years of marriage, Donetha and Hershel divorced in 1973.

Six years later, Hershel married Patricia Ann Crowder, on March 14, 1979.

During their marriage of 36 years, three boys would be born; Patrick, Lloyd, and his baby boy, Isaac Hershel Johnson.

Hershel is survived by his children, Scharnae, Hershel, Daamah, Patrick, Lloyd, Jahmil and Isaac. His spirit also lives on through his grandchildren: Anthony, Deja', Teralin, Hershel Johnson III, McKenzie, Niyah, Dylan, Khalil Elvis Abdul, and Jahmil Jr.

Hershel thrived on the exchange of enlightening, provocative, radical and creative ideas with friends, colleagues, family, associates and strangers as well. He could have an exchange in conversation with anyone. Hershel cherished his commitment to protecting, entertaining and providing for his loved ones. He made sure that his loved ones were aware of his support to achieve their highest potential. Hershel's indomitable spirit encouraged his family and friends to persist in the face of their everyday struggles. He will always be sorely missed, fondly remembered and never forgotten.

# Cemetery Details

## Lake Charles Park Cemetery

7775 St. Charles Rock Road  
St. Louis, MO 63114

# Previous Events

## Funeral Services

SEP **12**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel  
111 Taylor Road  
Hazelwood, MO 63042  
(314) 895-3900  
[info@archwaychapel.com](mailto:info@archwaychapel.com)

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Scharnae Johnson lit a candle in memory of Hershel Evans Johnson Sr.*



Scharnae Johnson - June 22, 2023 at 05:18 AM

SJ

🌹❤️ *Happy birthday*

Scharnae Johnson - June 22, 2023 at 05:20 AM

DH

“ *Not a single day or night has not went by without me saying that my daddy is gone. It has been four months and I still can't believe that you are gone. I have my good days and my bad days. On my bad days, I can hear you say " Bone it's going to be alright baby"...."Bone it's going to be alright". Though it's been rough for me. I still have my siblings to look at and be reminded that you're legacy lives through each and every one of us. I think of all the good times we shared as father and daughter. Dad, I miss you. Dad, I love ya. Daaimah*

Daaimah Hughes - December 09, 2015 at 06:53 PM

LG

“ *Dear Patty, I just learned of Hershel's passing, and wanted to send you my deepest sympathy. May you be sent special blessings of comfort in these difficult days, and in the days to come.*

*Much love,  
Linda (Seiferth) Gurney*

Linda Gurney - September 27, 2015 at 09:11 PM

VJ

“ I wish we could have had more time Daddy.. I remember the first time I met you, you came from the back videotaping Patrick and I. I never met someone while they taped me. I can say you made the memories count. I am so blessed to have been your daughter and that you could be another dad in my life. What I wouldn't give to see your smiling face again.. I know you are good, you will just be missed tremendously .. Thank you for blessing the lives of those that knew you well and thank you for producing and raising your son Patrick and teaching him about life that he is now the best husband and father.. He now get to follow in your foot steps.. God bless and rest in peace Daddy J!

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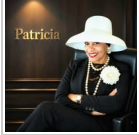
**Vanessa Johnson** - September 24, 2015 at 06:39 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry Patty, I did not know that your husband had transitioned. You have my deepest sympathy.

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**Janice Hooks** - September 19, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ I'd like to thank all of you who came out and supported the the Johnson family.

*Thank you for the many calls, cards, flowers and personal home visits of comfort.*

*Although, Hershel lived a very personal and private life he was loved and known by many. He had a very kind heart and a loving spirit to all that knew him well.*

*I could go on and on about my husband "Hershel E Johnson" but I can hear him talking to me now, Pat don't tell nothing about me, keep it where it counts!!!!*

*So, with that being said, I will say thank you all from the both of our hearts "The Johnson family " ( Patricia, Patrick, Vanessa, Lloyd and Isaac Johnson )*



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**Patricia Johnson** - September 19, 2015 at 09:51 AM

DP

*Pat.....I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. My prayers are with you, your children and the entire family.*

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**Dr. Donna Paulette-Thurman** - September 19, 2015 at 05:01 PM

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*So sorry to hear this. I will keep you uplifted in prayer.*

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**Beverly Brown (Thomas)** - September 20, 2015 at 11:41 AM

TS

“ You are greatly missed Uncle! Uncle Hershel always had a positive influential and entertaining impact upon my life and he will not be forgotten! I know the Lord has given him comfort. Todd Stowers

Todd Stowers - September 14, 2015 at 04:08 PM

MT

“ Praying for your family, they love you very much, and I know you all knew my family, we stayed down the street from you all on McHenry St in Kinloch. My mom was Ann Turner, and my Aunt was Audrey Williams we all lived together in my grandfather's house. George Turner. This message is for the family, sorry for your loss. Mary

Mary Turner - September 13, 2015 at 05:58 PM

DH

You were a wonderful classmate. Praying for your love ones. Class of 68)

Dianne Daugherty Hawkins - September 13, 2015 at 06:55 PM

MT

I love you cuz and you will be missed. You always kept it real. My visits to STL will never be the same. Michelle Thornton

MICHELLE THORNTON - September 26, 2015 at 03:43 PM

MT

I will always love you cousin Herschel for giving me four beautiful cousins that I bonded with. I will always remember the day you took us to the movies and the mall. We sure did have a BLAST!! GOOD TIMES GOOD TIMES

MICHELLE THORNTON - September 26, 2015 at 03:57 PM

EW

*Hershel, was the one of the greatest tenors that Kiinloch High School has ever experienced. I am Elijah Woodson, Hershel, spent qulatiy times as my mother (Mrs. Ivy) invited hime to live with our household briefly.Herschel had two great sisters, and Tomma L. was my classmate till she moved in the city. I m in LA and wish I could hear from his sister as well as hear him sing one of his favorite songs by Donny Hathaway. Elijah*

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**Elijah Woodson** - October 02, 2015 at 06:40 PM

HJ

*Though My Dad is gone, his words & memory will live on..Dad said " we would live until the last Hershel was gone" Love you always Man..."The real & only " Mr. Hershel E. Johnson Jr.*

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**Hershel Johnson Jr.** - November 24, 2015 at 09:54 AM

DP

*I worked with Hershel in the electrical trade back in the 80's. I remember often talking about music and how he played the drums. He was super smart but didn't want everyone to know it. He was a good brother and I enjoyed working with him. My heartfelt condolences.*

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**David Price** - December 04, 2016 at 06:37 PM