



ABDUL JAAMI "JOHNNY" SALIM

December 10, 1943 - August 26, 2020

Obituary

Johnny was born to the union of Olee Williams Henagan and Buck Henagan on December 10, 1943, in the Green Hill Community of Prescott (Hempstead County), Arkansas. Johnny was baptized at Antioch Baptist Church in Emmett, Arkansas and later joined Walnut Boulevard Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Johnny's school years began at the Antioch school in Emmett, Arkansas and continued when the family moved to Kansas City, Kansas at Stowe Elementary School, Northeast Junior High School, Sumner High School, and then he returned to Arkansas where he graduated from Blevins High School.

Although he graduated from Blevins, Johnny never lost his special bond with his classmates from Sumner. He was a very proud member of the Flamingo Social Club at Northeast Junior High School. Johnny relocated to Flint, Michigan and was employed by General Motors.

He was employed as the Sky Captain at KCI Airport. Later he became a Presser for private families. There was a time when Johnny was separated from his family and friends, but with the dedication and persistence of his mother and much prayer and faith, he was reunited with his family and friends. Johnny legally changed his name to Abdul Jaami Salim after he converted to

Islam. His family and some friends still affectionately call him Johnny, some people knew him as Jaami and some people knew him as Abdul. 1027 Lafayette was home to several generations of family members that migrated from Arkansas. At 1027 Lafayette everyone was welcome, family, friends, and neighbors. Guests would be greeted with food (sometimes too spicy to eat), Johnny Juice, and homemade wine (which exploded in his closet one time), and an invitation to play cards and dominoes, accompanied by good soul music. There are fond memories of Sunday dinners, holiday gatherings, and cookouts. Jaami was soft-spoken, kind, hospitable, generous to a fault, family-oriented, and often responded with yes ma'am and yes sir.

Jaami/Johnny always dressed well and smelled good. His clothes were very organized. Suits would be on the hangers with accessories and matching shoes and hats. With all of this organization one would just naturally assume that he could get dressed and be ready to go in a rational amount of time but this was not true, he was almost never on time.

Jaami was preceded in death by his mother, Olee Henagan; father, Buck Henagan; and daughter Tracey Montgomery. He leaves to mourn his passing daughter LaTonya (James) Baynham Harden, Leavenworth, Kansas; son, Eric Montgomery, Sr., Springfield, Illinois; step-son Eduardo Baynham, Kansas City, Kansas; sisters Deborah Ray, Liberty, Missouri; LaTia Welch, Prescott, Arkansas; fianc'ee Vernice McCluney, Bonner Springs, Kansas; grandsons Eric Montgomery, Jr., Springfield, Illinois; Kevin Montgomery, Springfield, Illinois; Montai (Thalia) Mickens, Olathe, Kansas; Aaron Montgomery, Springfield, Illinois; Malik Baynham Browne, Pittsburgh, Kansas; Maze Baynham Browne, Olathe, Kansas; and a granddaughter Erica Montgomery, Springfield, Illinois. A special cousin, Bonnie Hess, Kansas City, Missouri; ten great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and

friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, September 4th at Mount Calvary COGIC 2422 Van Brunt Blvd. KCMO. Visitation 9:00 A.M. Interment Highland Park Cemetery.

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“ *Rest in peace my brother condolences to the family and friends*

Eric Haygood - September 04, 2020 at 05:38 PM

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“ *To my Stewart and Williams family members sorry for our family loss, Johnny was a quite one but he always agree with what ever the family wanted to do for each other and he always was glad when he had a chance to visit Arkansas he will be missed.*

Peggy Williams-Graves - September 03, 2020 at 09:46 AM

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“ *Condolences to the family.*

John Rice - September 02, 2020 at 06:35 PM