



## Mr. Joe Nathan Johnson, Jr.

June 13, 1962 - April 19, 2026

Mr. Joe Nathan Johnson, Jr., was born on June 13, 1962 in Kansas City, Missouri to Joe Nathan Johnson, Sr. and Shirley Mae Johnson. He passed away on April 19, 2026 in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 63. He was preceded in death by his father and brother, Samuel Bernard Johnson.

Joe was a proud graduate of Southwest High School in the Class of 1980. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Prairie View A&M University. He launched his career serving concurrently at NASA and McDonnell Douglas and later concluded his professional journey at Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Joe was a prominent community member, deeply known for his devotion to service. He was a dedicated member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., initiated through the Rho Theta Chapter at Prairie View A&M University. A Freemason of distinguished service, Joe proudly served as Worshipful Master of Old Mission Lodge #153 and was also a member of the Scottish Rite. His commitment to his fraternity and his brothers in the craft was a cornerstone of his life.

Outside of work, Joe found great joy in reading the bible and exploring books about scripture. He also cherished time spent riding his three-wheel lowrider along the trails with his friends.

He is survived by wife, Jill Townsend; two daughters, Lourdes S. Townsend-Johnson and Sydney B. Townsend-Johnson; mother, Shirley Mae Johnson; siblings, Tymeral Gee and Christa M. Johnson; niece, Cameron-Vale S. Gee, a host nephews, nieces, cousins other relatives and friends.

Joe Nathan will always be remembered for the moments he shared with those who knew and lived him. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Funeral services Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Watkins Heritage Chapel. Interment Blue Ridge Lawn Cemetery. Visitation 9:00am - 11:00 a.m. at the Chapel. Masonic Services will be at 9:30 a.m. and Memorial service for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Service at 10:30 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website [lawrenceajones.com](http://lawrenceajones.com). Services will be livestreamed [www.mstcsunset.com](http://www.mstcsunset.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Blue Ridge Lawn Cemetery

2640 Blue Ridge Cut-off  
Kansas City, MO 64129

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **30**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Watkins Heritage Chapel  
4000 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.  
Kansas City, MO 64130

## Funeral Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SD

“ I thank Joe for our last great conversation that we had while sitting out on the patio of my sister’s house. A memory I shall always cherish love and cherish.

Sharon Davis - May 01 at 12:25 PM

SM

“ Sullivan and Ivy Martin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Joe Nathan Johnson, Jr..



Sullivan and Ivy Martin - April 29 at 08:10 PM



“ Friend for over 50 plus years. Love him his family always Terrell family. Our prayers and condolences to the family and friends. Rip my friend see you and that great getting up morning.

Otis Terrell - April 29 at 12:28 PM

RT

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Joe’s presence meant so much to my family, and I’m sure to many others as well. My heart goes out to his family during this incredibly difficult time. Wishing his family comfort, strength, and peace in the days ahead.

Robert and Rosalyne Taylor - April 29 at 11:14 AM

CR

“ My prayers and sincere condolences to Jill, the girls, and the Johnson family. Sending my love and support as you navigate this difficult time.

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**Connie Randle** - April 27 at 04:57 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Jill and the girls. Joe was a nice guy. With Love, Howard, Maggie Townsend and Family.

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**Hóward** - April 27 at 01:50 AM

RT

“ Condolences and Prayers To Our Family from your Arkansas Family. Cousin Robert Trotter, Jr sends his Love to all!

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**Roderick L Trotter** - April 26 at 05:05 PM

GR

“ My Sincere condolences to the family of Joe Johnson. He was truly a nice guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.  
Gina Ross

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**Gina Ross** - April 24 at 02:16 PM

LW

“ Sending our sincere condolences to the family. Praying for your strength.  
Linda Walker



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**Linda Walker** - April 23 at 09:27 AM



“ Rest Well Cuz! My thoughts and prayers go out to Thelma and the entire family! 🙏🙏



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**Jimmy Wilder** - April 22 at 08:18 PM

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*My sincere condolences go to my cuzn and the rest of her family. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.*

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**Annette Roberts Hudgies** - April 22 at 11:51 PM

AD

“ Joe was a classmate and close friend at PV. Joe always executed with excellence no matter his endeavors a true friend gone too soon. RIP. Al DeWalt



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**Albert DeWalt** - April 22 at 02:58 PM

RS

*I've know Joe throughout many milestones in life. High School, College, He was in my wedding, godfather to my son. Worked together running plants for Coca Cola. Incredible human. Courageous Leader, thought provoking speaker, spiritual insight, and trusted friend. May your soul rest in peace.*

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**Ron Scott** - April 30 at 05:47 AM

AJ

*My childhood friend who I have known since grade school. He lived up the street from my family growing up on Wayne Street. We experienced many milestones in our lives together. He was even apart of my wedding. Joe was your ride or die friend and would stick with you no matter what. He was an intellectual thinker and an amazing friend to have been apart of my life's journeys with all our ups and downs. My dear friend will be truly missed. I am sending out prayers and my sincere condolences to Ms Shirley Johnson, his siblings, and family members. Joe my friend rest in peace.*

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**Alex L. Summers Jr** - April 30 at 07:58 AM