

*Romans 14:7-9*

*For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.  
For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die  
unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.  
For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might  
be Lord both of the dead and living.*

**PALLBEARERS**

Grady Johnson  
William Johnson  
John McGhee  
Jerome Pellon  
Keith Williams  
Charlie Mack

**FLOWERBEARERS**

Family and Friends

**INTERMENT**

Zion Memorial Gardens  
201 93rd Street North  
Birmingham, Alabama  
35206

**FINAL  
ARRANGEMENTS  
ENTRUSTED TO**

***Smith & Gaston***

Funeral Services  
102 6th Avenue SW  
Birmingham, Alabama  
35211



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The family of Alphonse Johnson would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all expressions of kindness shown during the passing of our loved one. May God continue to bless you.

A Celebration of Life  
Honoring

*Mr. Alphonse Johnson*

February 22, 1921

February 23, 2012



Saturday, March 3, 2012  
1:00 p.m.

New Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church  
708 Goldwire Place SW  
Birmingham, AL 35211

Rev. Dr. James H. Brooks, Officiating

## Obituary

Mr. Alphonse Johnson was born February 22, 1921 to Ira and Katie Johnson in Grove Hill, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Mrs. Mollie Johnson of Hope Hull, Alabama. A Veteran of world War II, Alphonse served in the United States Army and completed a Tour of Duty in the South Pacific from 1942-1945. Shortly after a Honorable discharge from the Army, he began working at Campbell 66 Express where he remained until his retirement in 1985. In addition to working full time, Alphonse was a lifelong entrepreneur, delivering coal, hauling lumber and selling scrap metal well into his eighties.



Mr. Alphonse Johnson died in his home of February 23, 2012. He spent his final days surrounded by family and those who loved him most. His outgoing personality and warm demeanor meant that no one was a stranger nor was he a stranger to anyone. He was the first to say, "Hello" and the last to say, "Goodbye."

An avid fan of baseball and boxing, it has been rumored that he had a mean left hook, often winning by knock out in informal sparring matches throughout his youth.

Alphonse is survived by his sister Leicester Johnson, niece Carolyn Johnson of Birmingham, eight children Mary Elizabeth Mitchell, Thelma Luckey, Luevonnie Clark, Lisa McGhee(John), Leicester Johnson, Wilma Allen (Floyd), Valjerina Johnson and William Johnson, eight grandchildren and a host of brothers, sisters, relatives and friends.

### HE IS GONE

*You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he lived,*

*You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what he would want:*

*Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

## Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Music..... Singing Churchmen

Old Testament Scripture — Psalm 90:1-12 . . . . . Minister

New Testament Scripture — II Timothy 4:1-8 . . . . . Minister

Prayer.....Rev. Jerry C. Cunningham  
Associate Pastor New Pilgrim Baptist Church

Selection..... Singing Churchmen

Remarks..... Selected Family and Friends

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. James H. Brooks , Senior Pastor  
New Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

Recessional

### Psalm 24

*The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.*

*Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

