



**LETTER FROM HEAVEN**

*To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say.  
But first of all to let you know, that I arrived okay.  
I'm writing this from heaven.  
Here I dwell with God above.  
Here, there's no more tears of sadness;  
Here is just eternal love.*

*Please do not be unhappy just because  
I'm out of sight.*

*Remember that I am with you  
every morning, noon and night.  
That day I had to leave you  
when my life on earth was through.  
God picked me up and hugged me and He said,  
"I welcome you".*

*It's good to have you back again;  
you were missed while you were gone.  
As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.  
So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low.  
Just lend a hand to pick him up,  
as on your way you go.  
When you're walking down the street and  
you've got me on your mind;  
I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.*

*And when it's time for you to go  
From that body to be free.  
Remember you're not going  
You're coming home to me.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for your expressions of love, sympathy, and kindness during the homegoing of our loved one.



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**Homegoing Celebration  
for  
JESSE NILE JOHNSON, SR.**

Sunrise                      Sunset  
January 16, 1930    November 23, 2017



**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

Shiloh Old Site Baptist Church  
Stafford, Virginia

Rev. Dominic F. Green, Officiating  
Rev. James A. Jackson, Eulogy

**INTERMENT**  
Shiloh Old Site Baptist Church Cemetery

**Jesse Nile Johnson, Sr.**

## Obituary

### Jesse Nile Johnson, Sr.

January 16, 1930 – November 23, 2017

The Lord called Jesse Nile Johnson, Sr. home on Thursday, November 23, 2017, with his family close by in Stafford, Virginia.

Jesse was born on January 16, 1930 to the late Walter Nile Johnson and Mary Florence Parker-Johnson. He was the fourth son and seventh child of 20 children. He attended school in a small school-house on the southern end of Stafford County. While he only completed school through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, he was an extremely intelligent man. He was married to Macy Gertrude Berryman for 57 years and they raised 5 children altogether.

He is predeceased by his wife Macy Gertrude Berryman; son Jesse Nile Johnson, Jr., 10 brothers – Walter, Earl, Preston, Willie, Robert, Thomas, Carroll, Lewis, Lloyd, Floyd; 5 sisters - Mary, Lottie Ann, Irene, Maria “Lucille”, Viola; granddaughter Mateasa.

He leaves to cherish his fond memories 6 children Morris (Vivian) Berryman, Hazel (Cleve) Johnson, Sparkle (Fritz) Raymond, Frances (Timothy) Travis, Sr., Hazel Richardson, Jenny Brown; daughter-in-law Darlene Johnson; 12 grandchildren: two he helped raise Lavette (Garnett) Bumbrey, Jr. and Kevin Johnson, Sr., Jeffrey (Tamasa) Johnson, Lashawn (Wyatt) Willingham, Tabitha (Fred) Cole, Brandon (Donna) Johnson, Latoya Berryman, Tiffany (James) Corbin, Morris Berryman II, Brittany (Angelo) Wright, Timothy (Renee) Travis, Jr., Tyrone (Shirley) Travis. He also leaves to cherish his memories 26 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great grandchildren; 2 sisters: Elizabeth Berryman, and Sylvia Williams; 2 brothers: James Johnson, and Freddie (Helen) Johnson; a host of other relatives, a devoted church family and many friends. Jesse and Macy both left a true legacy for all of us to follow and he will be greatly missed!

## Order of Service

Prelude/Processional

Opening Hymn .....Jericho Singers

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... Bishop Joel Nelson

New Testament..... Rev. Dr. Fritz Raymond

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Perry Moore, Jr.

Acknowledgments.....Sister Lavonna Tyler

Obituary Reading &

Special Reflections .....Deaconess Sylvia Williams

Solo .....Mrs. Regina Thompson

*“When You Hear of My Homegoing”*

Hymn .....Jericho Singers

Poem ..... Sister Elizabeth Berryman

Eulogy ..... Rev. James A. Jackson

Recessional & Interment

Jesse’s favorite scripture:

*“For God so Loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him would not perish but have everlasting life” - John 3:16*

## Memories

Jesse worked in the masonry trade as a cement finisher for over 50 years and he taught his family the value of hard work and perseverance. He took great pride in the home he built, always kept his yard well groomed, and completed many home improvement projects using his master masonry skills and his creative eye.

He was good natured and very well known throughout the community. Jesse was always willing to help anyone in need and he did not look for rewards because as he often testified, his rewards came from God’s grace and mercy. He loved to laugh, joke, and spend time with family and friends. He was great at playing cards, dominos, checkers, and horseshoes, and enjoyed watching Westerns especially those with his favorite actor Clint Eastwood.

His commitment to Shiloh Old Site Baptist Church began in 1949, when he helped build the church. He joined Shiloh in 1951, became a Deacon in 1954 and a Trustee in 1961.

After serving many years in the Deacon Ministry, Jesse became the Chairman of Deacons and the Church Treasurer in 1983, and he served Shiloh Old Site Baptist Church faithfully in this capacity for over 30 years.

*We never lose the ones we love  
For even though they are gone  
Within the hearts of those who care  
The memory lingers on.*

*Lovingly Submitted  
The Family*

