

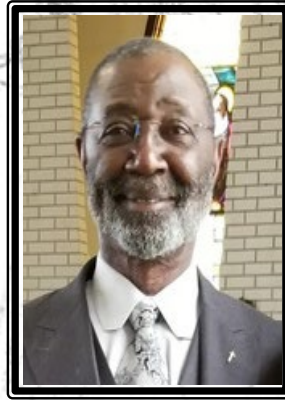


IN MEMORIAM



Daniel Lewis Johnson

September 1, 1953 - December 30, 2018



Daniel Lewis Johnson, 65, of E. Chapman RD, Carlsbad, NM, passed away on Sunday, December 30, 2018 at his home. Daniel L. Johnson was born September 1, 1953 in Bowman, SC. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, the late Harvey and Mary Inell Richardson Johnson.

Daniel's early childhood and secondary school education was in the Orangeburg, County School System. He earned his high school diploma and graduated from Bethune Memorial High School, Bowman, South Carolina.

Daniel enlisted into the United States Army as a career in 1972. During his years of military service Daniel earned many honors and awards, to include having successfully met all requirements, and subsequently graduating from the esteemed United States Sergeant Major Academy, El Paso, Texas. He also pursued part time post-secondary academic studies at major universities during his years of military service, and successfully met the requirements to earn a Bachelor of Science degree. Daniel retired as a First Sergeant from the United States Army after 24 years of service with an exemplary record.

Then, after a season of successful work in the security industry in several southeastern states, Daniel decided to move west to Carlsbad, NM. There he became an entrepreneur in his own right with several successful business ventures. Daniel was very active in the church and the community. He was an active member, and ordained as a deacon of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, and also served as Layman President of the Jerusalem District Association. He served as president and lifetime member of the Eddy County NAACP and president of New Mexico State NAACP. Daniel served on the Martin Luther King Scholarship Foundation, served as past president of the Eastern New Mexico Golf Associations, and sat on the Golf Course Advisory Board. He was also a member of the local Elks Lodge, and a member of the Carlsbad, New Mexico Downtown Lions Club, and the Hall of Fame Board for the city of Carlsbad as an appointee of Mayor Dale Janway. Daniel was a compassionate and caring gentleman who was always ready to lend a hand. He enjoyed golf as a pastime, and became quite astute as a golfer. Daniel will be sorely missed by many, both children and adults alike.

Daniel is survived by his beautiful loving and devoted wife, the Honorable Lion Collis Gates-Johnson and a loving and devoted Mother-in-love, Ms. Jessie Gates, both of Carlsbad, NM; Brothers: Jimmy Johnson (Jackie) Peekskill, NY; Andrew Johnson (Lester Marie) Orangeburg, SC; Michael Johnson (Angela) Carlsbad, NM; Tony Johnson, Orangeburg, SC. Sisters: Mary Denise Rapier (John) Nashville, TN; Gloria Johnson (Elwis) Tacoma, WA; Merceil Bowditch (Calvin) Severn, MD. Brother-in-laws: Marvin Gates (Alicia) Clovis, NM; Kenneth Gates, Las Cruces, NM. Sister-in-laws: Livia Godfrey (Comas) Lubbock, TX; Vickie Edwards (Jackie) Garland, TX; and a host of loving, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

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