



## Carl "Sonny J" M. Johnson Sr.

July 19, 1942 - October 8, 2020

Carl "Sonny J" M. Johnson Sr. of Steelton, Pennsylvania, went to be with the Lord on October 8, 2020, at UPMC Pinnacle Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Sonny was born on July 19, 1942, in Middletown, Pennsylvania. He attended the Hygienic School and Steelton High School.

Sonny served in the United States Army for twelve years, and he retired from PPL Electric Utilities in 2008. Sonny was a Veteran of the Vietnam War where he earned several medals, including the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Service Medal, along with numerous other badges and medals. Sonny was also a phenomenal boxer while in the Army. He won the Alaskan Golden Glove, Kentucky Golden Glove, Armed Forces International Boxing Championship in South Korea, European Boxing Title in Germany, and he was the Armed Forces Middleweight Champion representing the US Army National Team.

During his years at PPL, he worked as a Foreman. He was a Legionnaire for forty-five years of Post 420 in Steelton where he served as the Post Commander from 2018-2019. He was Past Exalted Ruler of Dauphin Lodge IBPOE of W. He was a Master Mason of the Paxton Lodge #16 PHA F&AM. He was also a member of Club 320 in Steelton.

Sonny was preceded in death by his loving wife of fifty-three years, Chicha "Cho" Johnson; his parents, Merriman M. Johnson Sr. and Pauline E. Johnson; and his in-laws, Chong Ha and Byung Dok Cho.

Sonny is survived by his daughter, Miam "Peachy" Johnson; his son, Carl "Bucky" Johnson Jr. and wife Rhonda; his grandchildren, Kodi Johnson, Kyi Benkowitsch and husband Tyler, Jay Simmons, Christopher Johnson and Kaycee Johnson; his great-grandchildren, Mya Benkowitsch, Zane Benkowitsch, Jeremiah Parker, Rhylee Fredrick-Simmons and Nala Fredrick-Simmons; his sister, Phyllis Toliver-Houston; his brothers, Calvin Johnson Sr. and wife Towanna, Wayne Johnson, Charles "Peewee" Johnson and wife Marion, Merriman "Junior" Johnson Jr. and wife Elnita, Roland Johnson and wife Diane and Ronald "Ronnie" Johnson; as well as other relatives and friends.

Public viewing; private service.

Due to COVID-19 mask wearing is required and maintaining a safe distance from others during your visit. In honor of Sonny and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Central PA, 1320 Linglestown RD, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME ALLOWING THE FAMILY TO KNOW YOU ARE THINKING OF THEM.

ON-LINE STREAMING OF SERVICE. CLICK ON THE PHOTOS & VIDEOS TAB OR MEDIA TAB (MOBILE) AND TRIBUTE WEBCAST TO VIEW.



# Cemetery Details

## Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road  
Anville, PA 17003

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

OCT **24**. 8:00 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.  
106 Agnes St  
Harrisburg, PA 17104  
(717) 939-9950  
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<https://www.wallacefuneraldirectorsinc.com>

## Viewing

OCT **24**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Carl "Sonny J" M. Johnson Sr.



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**Wallace Funeral Directors** - October 23, 2020 at 06:16 PM

AE

*To: peaches and Bucky,  
Parents are precious and to lose one or both is most difficult. Allow your good memories of your parents to keep you company, allow those memories to make you laugh out loud, or to even cry out loud. Your parents were a fine example of togetherness. So now as they rest on the other side of this life we know that they are together in heaven and resting in The beauty of Gods eternal life.*

*Sorry I'm not with you all physically today, but please know that my heart is there and my prayers of peace, love and comfort are constant.  
With Agape Love,  
Aunt Elnita*

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**aunt elnita** - October 24, 2020 at 11:02 AM

TM

“ On behalf of the ,Offers and Member of Cyrene Lodge #169 our condolences and prayers to the family

*PGER Thorton Mills  
Leading-Knight*

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**thorton mills** - October 23, 2020 at 01:48 PM

PH

“ My condolences to the family. May peace be with you my brother.

*Percy Hairston  
Cyrene Lodge #169*

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**Percy Hairston** - October 21, 2020 at 10:12 PM

PT

“ I will miss you my brother. I'll always love you.  
Gone too soon. The days we had together will  
always be precious to me.  
RIH your sis PHYLLIS



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**Phyllis Toliver-Houston** - October 21, 2020 at 07:22 PM

JB

“ I remember Sonny (although a few years older than I), as an always upbeat, fast talking, "Pigeon Toed"(smiles), I say this very respectfully of him, Friend and Airborne Army Military Brother, that always had something positive to say about everyone. I was shocked to hear of his passing. I send my heartfelt condolences and prayers of comfort to his Family and host of many Friends that he came in contact with. If you met Sonny, you would never forget that meeting. God Bless my Friend.

Jesse M Bowman - October 21, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carl "Sonny J" M. Johnson Sr..



October 21, 2020 at 10:46 AM

BL

“ Bebe's (Sister In Law) lit a candle in memory of Carl "Sonny J" M. Johnson Sr.



Bebe's (Sister in law) - October 20, 2020 at 08:21 PM

BE

My condolences to the family. Still can't believe this is real. Rest in paradise brother.

Bebe's - October 20, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Carl "Sonny J" M. Johnson Sr..*



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October 20, 2020 at 06:34 PM