



Rev. L. Owen Johnson

March 4, 2016

Loris... Rev. L. Owen Johnson, age 78, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 4, 2016.

Rev. Johnson was born in Greensboro, NC a son of the late John Stanley Johnson, Sr. and the late Mozelle Weston Johnson. He was a professional baseball player for thirteen years, playing for the Baltimore Orioles, Philadelphia Phillies, and Boston Red Sox. Rev. Johnson was called into the ministry in 1968 and graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary University in Wake Forest, NC. He was founder and Pastor of Grace Tabernacle Church in 1978 and continued as Pastor until his death. He started Grace Christian School in 1980 and followed by establishing Grace Theological Seminary in 1982. Numerous satellite churches and schools have started from Grace Tabernacle and continue to exist throughout the United States. Rev. Johnson loved his family and the family of Grace Tabernacle Church. He had a compassion for people but his main love was preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While in the hospital Rev. Johnson continued preaching until the day before he died, witnessing to everyone who visited and cared for him. He was predeceased by one son, Jason Matthew Johnson, two brothers, Dale Johnson and Stan Johnson, and two sisters, Frances Boyles and Jane Hartig.

Survivors include his wife of forty years, Judy L. Johnson of Loris, three sons, David Owen Johnson of Virginia, Phillip Mark Johnson of Asheboro, NC, and W. Marcus Clark and his wife Jodi of Loris, two daughters, Westie P. Vaught and her husband Tommy of Longs and Leasa A. Petrone and her husband Vincent of Fort Mill, and five grandchildren, George Thomas Vaught, II of Longs, Garrett Nathaniel Clark of Loris, Danielle Annette Petrone of Fort Mill, Isabella Rene Petrone of Fort Mill, and Peyton Robert Owen Clark of Loris.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 6-8PM at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00PM Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at Grace Tabernacle Church with Rev. Frank Seamster, Rev. Charles Green, Rev. Grover Carpenter, Rev. Tim

Winters, and Rev. Dennis DeGrasse officiating. Burial will follow in the Twin City Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be sent to Grace Tabernacle Church or Grace Christian School, P.O. Box 427, Loris, SC 29569.

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel is serving the family.

Events

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Visitation

06:00PM - 08:00PM

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel

1011 Highway 9 Business East, Loris, SC, US, 29569

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Funeral Ceremony

02:00PM

Grace Tabernacle Church

1375 Tory Hill Road, Loris, SC, US, 29569

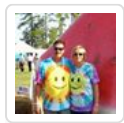
Comments



“ Maxine Long lit a candle in memory of Rev. L. Owen Johnson



Maxine Long - March 10 at 02:14 PM



“ Owen was wonderful man of GOD! I am so blessed to have known him . Prayers to his family and congregation .

Karen Thrift - March 09 at 09:33 PM



“ Lois H. Riggins lit a candle in memory of Rev. L. Owen Johnson



Lois H. Riggins - March 09 at 10:39 AM



“ Pastor Johnson will surely be missed. I visited his church many times and truly left with a new experience. It was always a blessing. The members of his church are so nice and beautiful. God bless you. You are in my prayers.

Lois H. Riggins - March 09 at 10:50 AM



“ Pastor Owen was a present to me from Jesus of a spiritual father. He came into the lives of my family at a time when we most needed him. I will never forget him & be forever grateful for the gift of his fatherhood/grandfather care over our family. He brought such a rich & radiant presence of God's love to our church every time where everyone knew they were special & God had something special for them. He left with you feeling you wanted to love Jesus more & spread His love everywhere. I'll never forget the first bushel of juicy, most delicious, peaches he brought when we first travelled to his homeland here, the land of smiling faces & beautiful places. He

represents his state well. I can still hear his voice guiding me through the 'backroads', "Colleen, are you ready to learn a new backroad this year?", "Oh yes Pastor Owen! I like the back roads!"

I'm wearing peach today in honor of Pastor Owen, his generous spirit, rich wisdom, love of everyone ways, and for all those many bushels of peaches & always making me feel like a 'peach'!

I loved him so much!!

Colleen Winter - March 09 at 09:01 AM



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Dear Family,

We've been lifting you up in prayer, and look forward to seeing you at tomorrow's service. Our Lord has called so many of our family home over the past two years - first Dale, then Frances, Uncle Stan just recently, and now Uncle Owen. I know there was joy overflowing when my parents, Jane and Don Hartig, welcomed them to heaven. We know that Owen will be greatly missed, but we also understand the Lord's loving compassion and comfort. He will lift you up, give you strength, and sustain you. We love you, and thank God for blessing so many through Uncle Owen and Aunt Judy ministries.

With love,

Jody and Dan Henley

Greensboro NC

Jody Hartig Henley - March 09 at 12:45 AM



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Susan and Ira from Chicago.

We were introduced to Pastor Owen through Pastor Stan and Betty. Although we never got to meet Pastor Owen we had many a conversation with Pastor Owen and are blessed to have known Pastor Owen. We think that Owen and Stan are in heaven telling jokes and making the heavens laugh. Blessed are they who do the work for the Lord. AMEN

ira and susan - March 08 at 07:51 PM



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We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Pastor Owen Johnson. For many years, he would visit our church to minister an awesome Word of God. He always had a prophetic word for us - graceful words to inspire, guide and bring consolation. He will be deeply missed.

May God give the Johnson family comfort during this trying time.

In Love,

Tonya Gray
Faith Temple Church
Rockford, IL
Pastor Author L Crowder



Tonya - March 08 at 04:20 PM



“ Pastor Owen Johnson was a man of love, of integrity, and of the Word. There was a reverence for God that was contagious when he preached, and yet his sermons were always said with the kindness and care of a father who love his children.

Throughout my entire life, I've been blessed to be enriched by Pastor Owen's ministry, and by his devotion to Christ. Whether it was in my home church in Wisconsin, listening to his powerful sermons and hilarious stories, or down in Loris being blessed by his hospitality and warm southern hugs, there was always the love of Jesus in the core of what he preached and how he lived. It didn't matter if he was prophesying a deliverance, imparting a deep revelation, or taking my family and I out to Tar Baby's for breakfast - his goal was kingdom coming to earth, heaven on earth!

It would seem that there's a piece of heaven that left earth, and is now in heaven. A special and irreplaceable person and father to my family, and to my church, he will be sorely missed. And yet at the same time, his mantle no doubt multiplied and handed to so many through the years. I know his hope and wish is that we carry on in that same love and integrity, and devotion to the Word of God so that we can continue to bring heaven to earth, the kingdom of God to the lost.

Will love and sincere gratitude, I thank his beautiful wife and the church of Grace Tabernacle for allowing Owen to be an instrumental part of my family and my church, and for extending the hand of kindness that you always have. You all are in my prayers and I can't wait to see you all again very soon.

-Stu

Stuart Winter - March 08 at 08:56 AM



“ I knew Rev. Owen Johnson through his brother Stan, who always spoke so highly of him. They were brothers not only in the flesh, but in the spirit and in their faith. These two great men impacted so many lives and their legacy will live on in and through those whose lives were changed because they submitted to the call of the Lord on their lives. They will both be greatly missed.

Eugenia L. Johnson - March 07 at 10:52 PM



“ Pastor Owen treated me like his granddaughter, and I saw him as a grandfather, like so many others. He carried so much compassion and wisdom and gave Jesus his entire life to use, not wasting any piece of it, but seeing that every bit of energy was used for the Kingdom. He spoke life and encouragement into me at pivotal times, and I'll never forget his genuine care and fatherly advice and laughter whenever we were together. I wish I could thank him one last time.

The last time he ministered at my home church, Eagles' Nest in Wisconsin, he said the Lord told him to call me up to the front, and he ordained me as a minister and prayed over me at my home church during the service, and I'll never forget that special honor coming from Jesus through Pastor Owen. The shirt I wore that day still carries the fragrance of oil he anointed me with.

I'm so thankful to have had him as a pillar and model in my life, and I'll never forget his last words to me on the phone, "You know you're my favorite little girl, don't you? I love you."

I love him dearly and will forever miss him and his kindness. I pray peace, guidance, courage and strength over his wife, family and Grace Church. And I pray that the works the Lord began in Pastor Owen's life will be carried on and fully completed, and that his testimony will burn bright and ignite those who learn of it to a passionate life in endless pursuit of the heart of Jesus.

Wendy Kate Winter - March 07 at 09:54 PM



“ "We will miss you always, Pastor Johnson. You mean a lot to the Perritte family."
Love always, Jim and Deena Perritte

Deen and Jim Perritte - March 07 at 07:41 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Rev. L. Owen Johnson.



March 07 at 02:20 PM



“ Rest in Peace Uncle Owen You were one of the few true Prophets of God i ever had the privilege to know! You will be missed.

Wesley Tyler - March 07 at 02:13 PM



“ My heart goes out to Marcus and his family. May the memory of your Dad never fade. Hold him close to your heart.
Rebecca Causey

Rebecca G Causey - March 07 at 09:08 AM



“ To the Johnson Family,

I knew his Brother Pastor Stan Johnson and His Brother Stan always Honored and refereed to Pastor Owen as a great example and Mentor of Faith and integrity.

Thank you Pastor Owen,

Anthony Casale



Anthony Casale - March 07 at 05:22 AM



“ Bridget Barnes lit a candle in memory of Rev. L. Owen Johnson



Bridget Barnes - March 07 at 01:43 AM



“ GALE RAY MAY lit a candle in memory of Rev. L. Owen Johnson



GALE RAY MAY - March 07 at 12:43 AM



“ From my dedication, as a baby, to the time I had to pick him up my dad's truck, to my marriage, and the dedication of my own children. He was there, he was encouraging, he was loving, he was humorous, he was my pastor, and he was much more. Pastor Johnson and his family have been an important part of my life, they helped contribute to who I am today. Wish I was there to help comfort and love on all you. My heart is with you all. As the pastor would say, "we sure do love you"



Mandy Lyles - March 06 at 09:49 PM



“ Anthony Callender lit a candle in memory of Rev. L. Owen Johnson



Anthony Callender - March 06 at 09:24 PM



“ Pastor Johnson walked in Love everyday. He was an inspiration to all who knew him and will be missed by so many. I'm thankful and blessed to have known him and his family. Until we meet again--I love you more, Pastor!!! Cookie Cox



Cookie Cox - March 06 at 09:06 PM



“ Pastor Johnson (as I called him) ordained me as a Minister of the Gospel in 1998. He launched me into ministry, and over the years, he inspired and guided me through prophetic words of knowledge. Pastor Johnson was the Lord's anointed, and a prophet of God. I have been in full time ministry for many years, and by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, I have seen and heard over 50,000 professions of faith, along with many signs and wonders. The Lord Jesus Christ be magnified. As a closing to our telephone conversations, Pastor Johnson always would say to me, "I love you." Pastor Johnson's missionary trips to New Jersey have yielded much fruit for the Kingdom of God, and I believe that he will not lose his Heavenly reward. He was the most gallant of soldiers for the Lord Jesus Christ. God bless his dear family. Pastor Johnson will be greatly missed... Ralph Koehler, Collingswood, NJ.

Ralph Koehler - March 06 at 08:27 PM



“ Marie lit a candle in memory of Rev. L. Owen Johnson



Marie - March 06 at 06:54 PM