

**HONORING THE LIFE OF**  
**Morris Douglas Johnson**  
**"Pooky"**



Sunrise

January 15, 1957

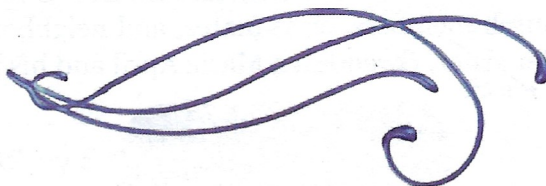
Sunset

April 27, 2022

11:00 A.M.

Monday, May 16, 2022

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
225 North Swiss Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78202  
The Reverend Dr. Juan N. Tolliver, Host Pastor  
The Reverend Nathaniel Taylor, Jr., Officiant



The Reverend Dr. Lemelle Taylor, Eulogist  
Butler African Methodist Episcopal Church, Pastor



## MORRIS DOUGLAS JOHNSON

### "POOKY"



Morris Douglas Johnson was born in San Marcos, TX. January 15, 1957. He was the third child born to the late Neff Morris and Emma Pearl Johnson. Morris was affectionately named "Pooky" by his friends and family. It was a nickname that followed him through life. Morris attended schools in San Marcos, Texas; being in the first class to integrate Crockett Elementary School in the sixties. Morris graduated from San Marcos High School in 1975. During his time in middle school and high school he was a stellar athlete in the fields of basketball, baseball and football. From the seventh grade through high school Morris was one of the top basketball players. His athletic abilities earned him a position on the varsity basketball team from his sophomore year to graduation.

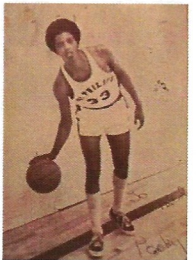
Upon graduation from San Marcos High School, he attended Saint Philip's College in San Antonio, Texas on a basketball scholarship majoring in Kinesiology. This is where he met the love of his life, Nicole R. Smith in August of 1975.

In 1977, Morris was offered a scholarship to play basketball at New Mexico Highlands University. In 1978, Morris returned to Texas and to his sweetheart. On January 7, 1979, Nicole and Morris became husband and wife. On June 5, 1984, their first son, André Douglas Johnson was born and on April 14, 1992, their second son, Jalen Morris Johnson was born, thus, completing their family.

On January 5, 1988, Morris joined the United States Army. He completed a tour of duty in Germany. While serving as a Front-Line Medic during Desert Storm Morris was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for saving the life of a fellow soldier. Morris joined the Army Reserves following his tour of active duty.

Morris was baptized at Wesley Chapel AMEC in San Marcos, Texas. As a member of Butler AME, he was a faithful supporter of the ministry. Morris loved music and good preaching. Often when the Spirit hit him, one would see him dancing and lifting his arms in praise.

Morris worked as a Life Guard at various times. It was while serving as a Life guard that he saved a little girl from drowning. He worked as a coach at Gary Job Corps and coached a little League team. Some of his other career choices were working for Baxter Pharmaceutical Company and Federal Express as a delivery driver. His dream job was to work for the railroad; follow in the footsteps of his father, his Uncle Alvin Byas and his elder brother, Samuel DeVon Johnson. In 1997, Morris started working for Union Pacific Railroad where he remained and excelled for seventeen years. Morris retired from Union Pacific in 2014 as a Foreman. Johnson's Gang gained a reputation for outstanding work - - they had a reputation for being the most proficient in safety measures, for speed on completing a job and for taking some of the most difficult jobs throughout Texas and Louisiana. Their level of work earned them the title of being "The A Gang". The brotherhood of Gang #3061 continues to this day.



"Pooky" is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Rev. Nicole Smith Johnson, his sons, André and Jalen, his mother, Emma Pearl Johnson, his brothers, Samuel DeVon, George Edward (Cheryl), his sisters, Phyllis Carter (Danny), Carol Ann Wright (Derrick), Cheryl Lynn Hilstock and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. His in-laws, Rev. Dr. Lemelle Taylor (Nathaniel), and Andrew Douglas Smith, II. (Roshawnda), along with a host of cherished friends, church members, class mates, and neighbors. He is preceded in death by his father, Neff Morris Johnson, his elder sister, Gwendolyn Marie April and his brother Gary Johnson.





# Order of Service

Prelude

Musicians

Processional "Going up Yonder" by Walter Hawkins

Congregation

The Prayer of Comfort

Presiding Elder Rev. Dr. W. Raymond Bryant  
San Antonio District – African Methodist Episcopal Church, 10<sup>th</sup> District

Old Testament Reading ~ Psalm 23

Rev. Gertrude Durham  
Wesley Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, San Marcos, Texas

New Testament Reading ~ John 14:1-7, 27

Rev. Dr. Michael Angelo Jolla  
Pastor of The "Exciting" West End Baptist Church

Praise & Worship

Pastor Angelique "Angie" Monterio  
Pastor of Victory Worship Center

Resolutions

Sis. Bennie M. McKinnon  
Butler African Methodist Episcopal Church

## REFLECTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Union Pacific Gang Representative

Rev. James R. Lewis  
Pastor of Healing Temple House of Deliverance

The Siblings Representative

Deacon George Edward Johnson  
Fifth Ward Missionary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

The Johnson Children

André Douglas & Jalen Morris

Clergy Representative

Rev. Dr. Juan N. Tolliver  
Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Host Pastor

Music

The Gospel Dimensions

## THE EULOGY

### "It's How You Play the Game"

Colossians 3:23; NIV  
Rev. Dr. Lemelle Taylor  
Pastor of Butler African Methodist Episcopal Church

Closing Prayer & Benediction

Rev. Douglas Lanier Randle  
Pastor of Bethany Missionary Baptist Church

The Recessional "Thank you Lord" by Edwin Hawkins

Musicians

*Due to COVID restrictions a repast has been prepared only for the Family in the Beasley -Brown Community Center following this service*

*The Committal Service is at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.*



## Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Morris Douglas Johnson Family, thank you for your boundless demonstrations of love and support during our time of bereavement. Your endless kindness and your presence have given us strength.

Thank you to

### The Musicians who provided the anointed music for this service

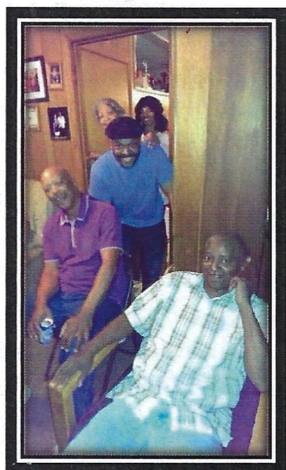
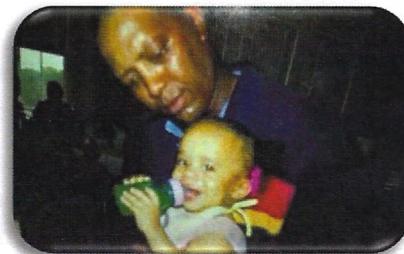
- Apostle John Davis, III – Pastor of One Kingdom Ministries
- Rev. Ronson C. Hall – Pastor of True Light Christian Fellowship
- Bro. Carlton E. King – Bethel AME Church
- The Gospel Dimensions - Lani Gillespie, Angela Himes Marble, and Rev. Dr. Lemelle Taylor
- Pastor Angelique "Angie" Monterio – Victory Worship Center

### Businesses

- Frank M. Tejeda Texas State Veterans Home
- Excelsior Printers ~ Carlos Ariza, Owner & Family Friend
- Dream Weaver ~ Terry Martin, Owner & Family Friend

### Clergy & Churches

- All Clergy & Churches represented
- Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church – Rev. Dr. Juan N. Tolliver, Host Pastor



**The Morris D. Johnson Family**



## The Committal Service

*Please join us for The Committal Service Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery*

**Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, Jr. - Officiant**

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Military Honors

The Committal

Remarks ~ Carter Taylor Williams Mortuary, Incorporated

Benediction

