

# Priceless Memories



~ John 14: 1-6 ~

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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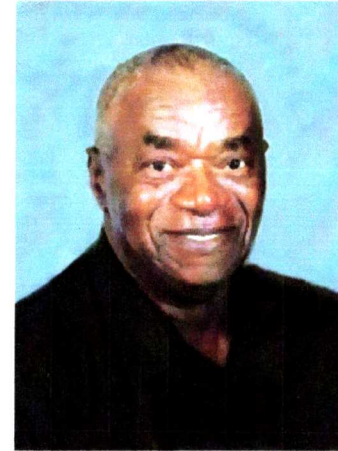
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## Celebration of Life In Loving Memory Of



*Wardell J. Johnson Sr.*

*Saturday, February 19, 2005  
One O'clock in the Afternoon*

*Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church*

*2092 Longtown Road  
Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130*

*The Reverend Melvin Sypherett, Pastor  
(Officiating)*

*Pallbearers*

Purity Lodge #42

*Floral Bearers*

Eastern Stars Chapter

*Service of Commendations*

COMMITAL RITES, CLOSING PRAYER, BENEDICTION AND INTERMENT

*Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery*

2092 LONGTOWN ROAD - RIDGEWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA



*The Repast*

Family will meet friends in the  
Church Fellowship Hall following Interment.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation,  
Whom shall I fear”

*Psalm 27: 1*



Sunrise  
February 18, 1929

Sunset  
February 15, 2005

....**TODAY DEAR GOD, WE GIVE HIM BACK TO YOU....**

We believe with all of our heart that our angel is walking  
around Heaven, praising God. To God we give all glory and honor  
for giving us a precious jewel. Thank you God for our father,  
brother, uncle, friend and “angel” to all.

**TAKE YOUR REST. WE WILL SEE YOU ON THAT GREAT RESURRECTION DAY!**





# Life Reflections

# The Order of Service



THE REVEREND MELVIN SYPHERTT - PASTOR, PRESIDING

Like a mighty star, **MR. WARDELL JOE JOHNSON SR.**, has brightened the path of many lives. He lived, he loved, he guided, he taught, and he saw the good in all who passed his way.

If a family is blessed, there is at least one individual who serves as a magnet, who has a pull which draws all together in love and laughter. He was that kind of person - one who was loving and caring - one who was generous with his compliments and always appreciative of anything anyone did for him - one who spread his net wide and drew in not only his children, and grandchildren, but his nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

**MR. WARDELL JOE JOHNSON SR.**, was born February 18, 1929 to Charlie West and Alice Moore Johnson in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

On Tuesday, February 15, 2005, the Lord whispered softly to **WARDELL SR.**, "*You have been a faithful servant and have fought a good battle - come on home now and take a rest.*"

**WARDELL** received Christ as his personal Savior at an early age. He joined Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, where he served faithfully as Chairman of Deacon Board, Superintendent of Sunday School, and Leader of Jubilee Choir, until his health declined. He attended the public schools of Fairfield County, served in the Korean War, retired from Uniroyal after twenty five years, and was a member of the Masonic Temple for fifty three years.

As we bids our good-byes in sorrow are his beloved wife, **Arnetha B. Johnson** of fifty five years; and children, **Floyd S. Johnson**, **Geraldine Squirewell (Herbert)**, and **Margaret A. Moore**, all of Ridgeway, SC, **Donald Johnson (Mary)**, Sumter, SC, **Wardell Joe Johnson Jr.**, Marietta, GA, and **Dr. Janet Johnson Hunter (Dr. Thomas)**, Jacksonville, NC; adopted daughter, **Yvonne Goodman**, Ridgeway, SC; siblings, **Nathaniel (Wilma)**, and **John D. Johnson** both of Baltimore, MD, **Alice V. Davis**, Ridgeway, SC, and **Edith Newton (Prescott)**, Gaym Oak, MD seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

**WARDELL** is preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Charles, and James Ezell.

THE PRELUDE.....Ms. Sara Robertson

THE PROCESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family and Friends

FINAL FAREWELL OF LOVED ONE.....Family and Friends

OPENING HYMN.....Choir and Congregation

THE OLD TESTAMENT .....The Reverend Eugene Canty

(23RD PSALM)

THE NEW TESTAMENT.....The Reverend Dr. Ernest Jackson

(JOHN 14: 1-6)

PRAYER.....The Reverend Curtis Robertson

SOLO.....Ms. Charlotte Prioleau

REMARKS.....Mr. Charles Arndt (FRIEND)

Elder Donald Prioleau (MASON)

SOLO.....Deacon Bobby Edmonds

WORDS OF COMFORT.....The Reverend Melvin Sphertt

RECESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family and Friends



~ *SAFELY HOME* ~



I am HOME in Heaven, DEAR ONES  
Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

~ *Acknowledgment* ~

We, the family of  
**WARDELL JOE JOHNSON SR.**  
would like to thank all of their relatives and friends for their many  
expressions of sympathy and love.

The prayers, food, visits, phone calls, flowers, cards, and other acts  
of kindness during our time of sorrow will always be remembered.

**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!**

~ *THE FAMILY*



All the pain and grief is over;  
Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever  
SAFELY HOME in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder  
I so calmly trod the valley of the shade?  
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread. And with Jesus' arm to lean on  
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still. Try to look beyond earth's shadows  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand. Do it now, while life remaineth –  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

WHEN THAT WORK IS ALL COMPLETED, HE WILL GENTLY CALL YOU HOME;  
OH, THE RAPTURE OF THAT MEETING, OH, THE JOY TO SEE YOU COME!

