



Maurice Roland Johnson

January 30, 1948 - March 9, 2008

Maurice Roland Johnson "MOE" "REECE" "HOOK" Age 60 passed suddenly on Sunday, March 9, 2008.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife and companion of 23 years, Leslie Thompson Johnson.

He is also survived by brothers, Carl Boise Gormes and James Bo Johnson and sister Mable Leggett. He is predeceased by his mother and father, Hattie and Sidney Johnson; brothers, Frank and Curtis Johnson; and sisters, Fanny Galloway, Colleen Gormes, Thelma Johnson, and Anne Mozet.

He was a loving father of two daughters from his first marriage, Lennitta Bryant and Charnice Waters Dion of the local area; step daughters Julia Archer Brent of East Greenwich, R.I, Liz Morrow Garrett of San Diego, California, Catherine Kelley of Summerville, S.C., and stepson Bob Thompson Mary of Boise, Idaho.

He also is survived by grandsons, Tayshon Powell, Nahshon Waters, and DeNai Johnson; granddaughters, Sierra and Diamond Battle; step-grandsons Andrew and Matthew Thompson, Troy Morrow, Grant and Nathan Archer; step-granddaughters Jennifer Duff Ricky, Tara Morrow, Sara and Hannah Thompson.

He had three step-great grandchildren who adored their "Grandpa Johnson", Kaylee Duff, Candace Duff, and Brayden Duff of Summerville, S.C.

He is grievously missed by his beloved dogs Solo and Pamela and his cats "the girls" Brownie and Goldie.

His marriage to Vera Jean Harris ended in Divorce.

A native Washingtonian, Maurice graduated from Sacred Heart Elementary School and Bell Multicultural High School 1968. He also attended City College. He was a rabid Washington Redskins fan. He enjoyed his travels to many cities in the continental US as well as Hawaii and Puerto Rico and Mexico.

Maurice was proud of his military service in the U.S. Army from October 1968 to October 1971. He served in Viet Nam for one year. He was injured by shrapnel for which he was awarded a purple heart. He struggled successfully for the rest of his life with post traumatic stress syndrome.

Maurice retired from his job as a painter with the General Services Administration in 1998. He was a careful and meticulous workman and received much recognition for his excellence.

Maurice was a devoted lover of all animals. For example, when he found a small frog who had taken up residence in the garage, he became concerned about the frog's having enough food. From then on he bought crickets to turn loose in the garage so everybody frogs and crickets would have a chance of surviving.

In lieu of flowers, Maurice would be pleased to have contributions made to the

Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League, P.O. Box 4392, Baltimore, MD 21223 or the Washington Animal Rescue League and Medical Center, 71 Oglethorpe St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011.

To send condolences or a lasting tribute to the Johnson family, please sign the online guestbook. Click "Sign Guestbook".

Tribute Wall



“ Maurice Roland Johnson

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ Dear Family of Maurice Johnson:
I never met your family member, but after reading the remarkable notice in the Washington Post, I just wanted to offer my sincerest condolences to the family. He must have been a wonderful man who will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Nancy DeSanti##imported-end##

March 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My favorite memory is of Leslie and Maurice bringing Michael and Angie to a St. Patrick's Day parade back in the late '80s, and watching the dogs take Leslie and Maurice for a "walk"...May God comfort you, Leslie, in your time of sorrow...my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.##imported-begin##Kari Baumann##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Though I didn't know Mr. Johnson personally, I would like to extend my condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Linda Cerrone##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Leslie,
May tender memories soften your grief. May fond recollection bring you relief, and may you find comfort and peace in the thought of the joy that knowing your loved one brought- for time and space can never divide or keep your loved one from your side. When memory paints in colors true, the happy hours that belonged to you.

*Sincerely,
Gidget###imported-begin##GIDGET CLARK##imported-end##*

March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Moe was a true friend, a gental man, who even in his darkest hours gave of himself to help another comrad in distress. I will be most gratefull to attend and pay Honor to a true Hero of our great nation. I share with the family the sarrow of his passing knowing the world is less for his not being here. Wally "Da Wall" Severino###imported-begin##Wally##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I give my sincere condolences to my special friend Charnice Waters and her family.

Charnice and family, cherish the memories that you had with your father, grandfather, father-in-law, etc.

May God bless, comfort and strengthen you today and the days ahead to come.

I love you.

*Your sister in Christ,
Deborah Harrod##imported-begin##Deborah Harrod##imported-end##*

March 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM