



Mr. Ray Johnson

December 13, 1935 - February 27, 2026

Ray Johnson was born on December 13, 1935, to Mr. Noah Johnson and Mrs. Eula Mae LeFlore in Port Gibson, Mississippi. Early in life he moved to Memphis, Tennessee then Chicago, Illinois. While in Chicago, at the age of seventeen he joined the U.S. Air Force. After he exited the service, he went to barber college and became a licensed barber. During a business trip to Los Angeles, California in 1973, he made the acquaintance of the founder of the restaurant chain McDonald's. Ray went on to become a McDonald's owner/operator in 1974 and moved his family to Phoenix, Arizona. During his twenty years in McDonald's, Ray became the first of African heritage to own ten McDonald's units. Which was quite an accomplishment during that time.

Ray quietly departed this life on Friday March 27, 2026, at his residence.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents Noah Johnson and Eula Mae LeFlore, his brothers, Tommie James Devine, Jessie Earl Johnson, Eddie Hedrick of Memphis, TN., Chief Rabbi Robert Devine of Mississippi. Also, an adopted brother Andrew Johnson of Chicago. An aunt Catherine Hedrick-Johnson, a cousin Rabbi Leronous Johnson of Chicago. A nephew Ishmaiah Devine, a nephew Simeon Devine and a great nephew Yoshia Devine.

Ray leaves his sons, Fredric Johnson and Raymond B. Johnson, also his granddaughter, Fredric's daughter Tangela. His best friend whom he stated

was like a son to him Dr. Ronald Hickombottom of Chicago, IL. Along with very, very good friends Janice Streeter of Cleveland, Ohio and Dr. Herman Walker of Glendale, Arizona and Allen Whitehead of Philadelphia, PA. and Blanton Canady of Chicago, IL..

Cemetery Details

House of Israel HCC Cemetery

100 Devine Lane
Braxton, MS 39044

Previous Events

Service

MAR 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

"Lovie" Dean Memorial Chapel
745 Hwy 468
Brandon, MS 39042

Tribute Wall



“ Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ray Johnson



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - March 13 at 11:43 PM

PM

My very very best friend in Arizona, what good time's we had..now his former wife Marsha, so sad. I lost two of my very best friends within months. 🌸🌺

Pam Matthews - May 17 at 03:07 PM

LH

“ R.I.P. Ray you will be missed.



Lonnie Hughes - April 08 at 11:09 PM



“ A'smile Alexander lit a candle in memory of Ray Johnson



A'smile Alexander - March 15 at 11:05 AM

FD

“ *Ism not sure ehat to say in the face of such a difficult loss. Just want you to know that I care about you, and share in your sadness.*
Fredrica

Fredrica Davis - March 13 at 05:36 PM

FD

“ *Fredrica Davis lit a candle in memory of Ray Johnson*



Fredrica Davis - March 13 at 05:32 PM

DW

“ *Dr. & Mrs. Herman Walker purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Ray Johnson.*



Dr. & Mrs. Herman Walker - March 09 at 04:16 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Ray Johnson*



Eddie Ainsworth - March 08 at 05:38 AM



“ *A'smile Alexander lit a candle in memory of Ray Johnson* ”



A'smile Alexander - March 05 at 07:55 AM