



Mr. Patrick Lamont Johnson

January 18, 1962 - October 15, 2022

Patrick Lamont Johnson, 60, of Utica, NY, was called to glory on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at his home. He was born January 18, 1962, in Utica, New York to the late Gordon Patrick Johnson and Evelyn Loretta (Wilson) Johnson.

A lifelong resident of Utica, Patrick attended public schools, graduating from the former Utica Free Academy in 1980. He served one tour in the United States Army. After a brief stint in Atlanta, GA, he returned to Utica and the community he loved. He devoted his life to improving the conditions for underserved populations, particularly in the Cornhill Area.

In 2002, Patrick became founder/developer of the Hoops and Dreams Project, which uses basketball to teach life's lessons to the youth of Utica. The goals of the program include "Raising awareness on how to reduce violence in the city of Utica and to teach youth what happens after your first dream cannot be realized."

In 2003, he became the Director of the YWCA Racial Justice Department. Patrick's race relations workshops, began as an additional service to Utica and the Mohawk Valley in an effort to foster better relations between the community and law enforcement. His Racial Justice workshops have become so famous, that they have expanded to serve the entire county and is moving throughout New York State.

In 2005, Patrick started the New Life Institute. This program was designed to assist inner-city youth find the characteristics and learn the skills for becoming successful in life.

In 2009, as an Independent Consultant, he served the Utica City School District and other organizations on race and diversity, providing workshops for faculty, staff administration, students addressing racial issues.

In 2011, as the Campus Community Civility Liaison at Mohawk Valley Community College, Patrick continued to provide workshops for professional staff on racial issues, diversity and inclusion.

In 2013, he became the Program Director for Save Our Streets, Oneida County District Attorney's Office, facilitating monthly workshops for educators, law enforcement, business professionals, and the general public on issues of diversity and racial justice in the workplace and greater community.

Most recently, as the Community Liaison employed by the District Attorney of Oneida County, Patrick worked tirelessly with individuals who were at-risk of being vulnerable toward this violence. His role was to engage young people who had repeated involvement with law enforcement and were considered a part of the most violent group in the city of Utica.

Patrick worked to engage these individuals, through one-on-one visits to their homes, to encourage them to turn their lives around. He also helped them to access a range of needed resources towards that goal. Patrick followed up on every instance of gun violence in the city of Utica. He visited shooting victims in the hospital and worked tirelessly to deescalate community violence and prevent potential retaliations. Patrick was passionate about his work and left no stone unturned to help young people to thrive.

As an outgrowth of his work in this area, and at the urging of community member Roger Patterson, Patrick founded the “Utica Street Team.” The Street Team - a group of men and women who work to create safety in neighborhoods that are vulnerable to crime and violence. This group of community volunteers assisted him in his work with Save Our Streets, as well as the Hoops and Dreams Basketball tournaments.

He was also the president of the Board of Directors for Rebuilding the Village, whose mission is rebuilding the problem-solving skills and ingenuity of our people.

Some of Patrick’s recent accolades include:

- Levitt Fellow Hamilton College
- Designated panel to Police Reform
- Recognized by the Mason’s Lodge as “A Person of Distinction”
- Recipient of Robbie Dancy Cultural Heritage Award
- USA Today Award recipient
- Various NAACP Awards

Cherished memories of Patrick will remain in the hearts of many, including: his brother, G. Jeff (Teri) Johnson; sisters, Denise Johnson; Sharon Johnson (Tony) Sargent; Uncles: Theodore Wilson, Larry Johnson, Billy (Ruby) Johnson, and Steve Johnson. Aunts: Ernestine Wilson, Althera Freeman, Margaret Prosche, Carolyn (Roy) Follis, Kathy Johnson and Debbie Clarence. Nephews: Aaron, Jordan, Ryan, Cory, and Jelani, and his niece Aliyah. He also is survived by a host of cousins that he held near and dear to his heart.

A special thank you to his “right-hand man”, Roosevelt Patterson; devoted friend and co-worker, Mrs. Freddie Hamilton; loving friend, Senora Pierce;

along with other community members who helped Patrick launch and maintain his Hoops & Dreams vision - Craig Grant, Minister Courtney Muhammed, Minister Anthony Morrison, Geniene Harvey, Jawwaad Rasheed, James Scutchins, Sr., Lonnie Jenkins, Jerome McKinsey, Sr., Tyra McKinsey, Roger Patterson, Angela Patterson, Gary Harvey, Anthony Lee, Victor Voss, his brother, G. Jeff Johnson and the late Terrence Yarbrough; and very special caregivers, Nancy Grove and his cousins, Marilyn Betton Whitehurst and Bronya Boykin. We also want to thank the staff at Hospice and Palliative Care, and his physicians. A very special thank you to Superintendent J.L. Griffin and the St. Matthew's Temple Church family, which Patrick considered his church home.

To all those that loved him and served with him in the community, we give a most sincere THANK YOU and God bless you. We cannot call the names of everyone, but know that we appreciate everything you did for Patrick.

Visitation will be held on Saturday morning, October 22, 2022 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 219 Leah St., Utica. Patrick's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the church immediately upon conclusion of visitation. Face masks are required.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
219 Leah Street
Utica, NY

Home Going Service

OCT **22**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
219 Leah Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

RF

“ *The New Hartford Police Department wishes to send our condolences to the family and friends of Patrick Johnson. Patrick’s life work consisted of helping local youth and fighting for equality for all. While the Program Director for Save our Streets, he facilitated monthly workshops on diversity issues and racial justice that most of our officers attended and enjoyed. Patrick was a friend to all and will be missed by everyone that had the privilege to know him.*

Ron Fontaine - October 26, 2022 at 08:06 AM

WF

“ *Willie Taylor & family purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Mr. Patrick Lamont Johnson.*



Willie Taylor & family - October 24, 2022 at 01:59 PM

JO

“ *I didn't know Patrick personally but knew of him and his passion to improve the life of people most in need. In my own crazy way, I always judge someone by saying what if everyone in the world was just like that person. In Patrick's case, this world would be a great place to live in without fear, prejudice, or judgment. Such a huge loss for the family and community. RIP peace Patrick!!*

Joseph - October 22, 2022 at 07:58 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Parrish Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Lamont Johnson



Patricia Parrish Jackson - October 22, 2022 at 04:34 PM

MW

“ Sending Love, Prayers Light and Condolences to Family of Pat Johnson, My Friend. Prayers God's Strength and Comfort during difficult time.
Sleep In Heavenly Peace My Friend.
Peace&Blessings 🙏❤️🙏
Bern.



MB Webb - October 22, 2022 at 11:34 AM

CW

“ Praying for the Lord's peace and comfort for the Johnson Family. Cebon and Stella Webb, Jacksonville Fl

CEBRON WEBB - October 22, 2022 at 09:58 AM

RT

“ My deepest sympathy to the Johnson family during this difficult time. Patrick was a few years older than me but I played pop Warner with younger brother Jeff. I always admired and respected Patrick and he always gave time to me when I came across his path. Always a positive brother with knowledge to share. You will be missed my Dude. Rest in peace!

Ronald Tarver - October 21, 2022 at 10:13 PM

KT

“ Our deepest deepest condolences to the Johnson family (Jeff, Sharon, Eleanor) Please know that we here in Memphis have you lifted up in prayer 🙏 Pat was a kind and awesome brother with a beautiful spirit. He will be missed. SIP PJ ❤️🙏

Keith and Angela Webb. Memphis Tn - October 21, 2022 at 09:38 PM

MP

“ My condolence to the Johnson family praying to give them strength at this time rest in peace Pat the Perkins family



Marcia Perkins - October 21, 2022 at 03:35 PM

MM

My prayers and condolences to the family and friends.

Ms Karen McIntyre - October 22, 2022 at 01:24 AM

AF

“ Patrick Johnson lived his life in the service of his community and those youth most vulnerable within it. Over the years I was fortunate to work with him as he sought to create unity foster the greater good. In doing so he exhibited remarkable patience, an admirable capacity for kindness, and an ever uplifting optimism and sense of joy. May we all honor him by doing our best to make sure that his life's work does not go undone. Rest in peace our dear brother.

A. Todd Franklin - October 21, 2022 at 01:26 PM

PC

“ *Pastor Angela Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Lamont Johnson*



Pastor Angela Carter - October 21, 2022 at 11:32 AM

PC

My prayers and condolences to the Johnson family. Your work and legacy will continue in the community. We will miss you! May you Rest in Peace.

Pastor Angela Carter - October 21, 2022 at 11:35 AM

DP

“ *My prayers and condolences for out to Jeff, Eleanor and Sharon. Pat has always been a bright light that shined on everyone who entered into his life. May you Rest in Peace, dear one, and know that you and your beautiful accomplishments will live on forever.* ❤️🙏❤️



Deborah Parrish-Montanez - October 21, 2022 at 08:31 AM

CH

“ *My sympathies for the entire Johnson Family... Patrick was truly a force as extended family for Utica NY and all of our children he had positive parts he contributed as they all grew up and established platforms for them to try and stay on the right path!!* 🙏🙏🙏 *Crystal R Brown-Hill*

Crystal Brown Hill - October 21, 2022 at 08:29 AM

CO

“ *Missing you now and for always Patrick, love
Corrine*



Corrine - October 21, 2022 at 06:53 AM

DK

“ *Lived next door to Lamont. and Jeff when they were kids, what a
wonderful human being he was, did so much good for everyone .
May he RIP*

Darlene Trombetta King - October 21, 2022 at 01:22 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Mr. Patrick Lamont Johnson.*



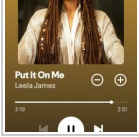
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JD

“ *I have had the pleasure of calling Pat and Jeff Johnson my friend for
over 50 plus years. Pat will truly be missed. He served the Utica
community well and will truly be missed. On behalf of the Dorsey
family, Godspeed my friend!*

Jai R Dorsey

Jai R Dorsey - October 20, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ *May God grant a place for me to continue in someway what Pat began. I miss him in all ways good.*

Calvin Warren - October 20, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *I've known patrick johnson for a very long time he has been a very constant positive figure for this community I'm going to miss him on a personal basis he has been like a family member to me I'm going to miss him I send my most heartfelt condolences to his family and his friends I'm going to miss patrick but you rest in peace because we will meet again*



Patricia A Pierce - October 20, 2022 at 06:02 AM



“ *Patrick was what every human wants to be & achieve but rarely cannot... That's how Special he was, Giving, Non Judgmental ,Caring for his brothers and sisters...He was my lifelong friend from Harding Pl..Always striving to find the good in everyone & did...I truly loved him..I will miss his words of encouragement especially when my brother passed away recently..Patrick gave selfishly even through his struggle.Once in a lifetime true friend..I already miss you terribly..Rest Gently Patrick, Your are loved by all of us*

Robin Turchetti - October 19, 2022 at 11:19 PM



Thank You Robin, because he was a very good friend of mine and I have nothing but mad respect for him and he will be really missed, rest in peace my brother, love you man ❤️

John W. Pierce Jr. - October 19, 2022 at 11:32 PM

RT

Your welcome john.. You also are my lifelong friend...And know you were Patrick's lifelong friend... You know us...Its nice to hear you xo

Robin Turchetti - October 19, 2022 at 11:57 PM

JF

“ *Praying For The Family RIP Patrick Our Memories From Harding Place The Good times U R A Soldier Fly High 🕊️🕊️ Gone 2 Soon*



Jackson Workman & Prince Families - October 19, 2022 at 10:23 PM

NC

“ *Jeff and family.. my deepest sympathies on the passing of Patrick. What an outstanding human he was.*



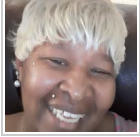
Nicole Cocomazzi - October 19, 2022 at 08:08 PM

SW

“ *My sincere and deepest condolences to the family. Rest In Peace Lamont my Harding Place and childhood friend 🙏🏻🕊️❤️*



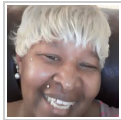
Sherisse Wells - October 19, 2022 at 06:58 PM



“ *Rose Patterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Patrick Lamont Johnson*



Rose Patterson - October 19, 2022 at 05:57 PM



*Rip. Job well done.
My sincere condolences to Patrick Family an Friends.*

Rose Patterson - October 19, 2022 at 05:58 PM

FG

“ *My condolences to Patrick Johnson and his Family. He will be missed,thank you for everything you have done for our community.
RIP 🙏😭*



Felicia Greene - October 19, 2022 at 05:52 PM

DG

“ *To the Johnson, with Deepest sympathy*



Diana C Greene - October 19, 2022 at 03:56 PM

NP

“ Nancy Polizzi lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Lamont Johnson



Nancy Polizzi - October 19, 2022 at 03:51 PM

DW

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Patrick L. Johnson. He will be greatly missed by the community. May he rest in peace.



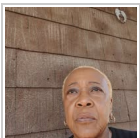
Dawn Winston - October 19, 2022 at 02:49 PM

EM

“ My condolences and 🙏 to the family Rest In Heaven buddy 🙏



Ernesto montanez - October 19, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ RIP Patrick what a man what a man. Our condolences to your family. You were there for our family at our time of loss. May god bless your soul and your family... YOU WERE A LARGE PILLAR TO OUR COMMUNITY..AGAIN RIP 🥹

Ruthie Liggins - October 19, 2022 at 11:28 AM

RT

You got that right- what a man what a man

Robin Turchetti - October 19, 2022 at 11:23 PM

RP

“ *Rose Pearson*



Rose Pearson - October 19, 2022 at 08:44 AM

AP

“ *Angela Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Lamont Johnson*



Angela patterson - October 18, 2022 at 09:27 PM

AP

*My Leader my Best friend
You are going To be missed I would never forget you. I HAD a vision.i
would never give up.*

Angela patterson - October 18, 2022 at 09:29 PM

AP

My Best friend

Angela patterson - October 18, 2022 at 09:30 PM

FC

“ *Felicia Colosimo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Lamont Johnson*



Felicia Colosimo - October 18, 2022 at 08:26 PM

MC

“ *Patrick was a friend since Kemble School days. Had a quiet presence but when he spoke I absorbed his words. A very patient man, even as far back to those grade school days. Really respected Patrick and some years ago I asked him if he would some day run for Mayor. He smiled and I realized his purpose and strength. That he strived to bring a community together peacefully without violence. He made a lasting impression on me and if you want to honor his legacy, follow his footsteps. RIP Patrick 🙏*

Mark Carchedi - October 18, 2022 at 08:05 PM

Melanie
Pierce

“ *Melanie Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Lamont Johnson*



Melanie Pierce - October 18, 2022 at 06:37 PM

Melanie
Pierce

He was a great guy will be truly missed love u Pat SIP

Melanie Pierce - October 18, 2022 at 06:39 PM

RT

100% great man Melanie

Robin Turchetti - October 19, 2022 at 11:25 PM

JD

“ *Condolences to Jeff and Eleanor
One word sums of Patrick's life and that word is “Selfless “.
I and we grew up with Patrick and spent countless hours in the
Johnson home on Harding Place .
Patrick will be truly missed !!
Well Done Patrick 🙏🙏
Godspeed
With sincere sympathies.
Jody Dorsey and the Dorsey Family*

Jody Dorsey - October 18, 2022 at 04:39 PM

MF

*With deepest sympathy to the Johnson family our hearts go out to all of
what Patrick had done and to support the lives of many in Utica New
York I remember Tom Patrick spoke to my son when I first moved here
over on the basketball court and his words was whatever you doing life
strive to do what you need to do for yourself and to make things better
for you Patrick you will be missed by lots of you you will be missed on
the days of hoops and dreams Mr Patterson please continue to support
Patrick's dream and all that you do*

Mary Forbes - October 20, 2022 at 09:27 AM

GC

*"May the work I've done speak for me". Your work is speaking for you
today brother Johnson. May that hard work and dedication continue
among the many you have loved and inspired. May you family and the
many who loved you find peace in knowing you are in God's tender
care now. Sleep well brother Pat.*

Gregory J. Curry

Dothan, Alabama

Gregory J Curry - October 20, 2022 at 11:03 PM

BF

“ *Brenda L Fudge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Lamont Johnson*



brenda l fudge - October 18, 2022 at 03:48 PM

MW

We truly feel blessed to have spent quality time with our brother, while breath was still in our brother. We were able to laugh and pray. We will truly miss a private and distinguished young man. May Yahweh bless you all for our brother is at peace love always Michael and Carrie Wright and family

Michael Wright - October 18, 2022 at 04:12 PM