

## **THE SON**

Rev. Leonard James Johnson Jr. was born on November 15, 1954 in Oklahoma City, OK. He was the youngest of three children born to the late Leonard J. Johnson Sr. and the late Jessie Laura Smith. Affectionately known as "Butch," he was reared in a Christian home that laid the foundation for his Divine calling.

## **THE MAN**

Leonard attended Northeast High School where he played football and ran track. After graduating in 1972, he furthered his education by attending Langston University. During his tenure at Langston, he was recruited by the U.S. Army. It was there that he matured as a man and became a world traveler stationed at various locations throughout the world.

Known as a "Jack of all Trades," Leonard would further his professional career through employment with the following companies: Oklahoma Housing Authority, Coca-Cola, and Dayton Tire. It was during his time at Coca-Cola that he developed his unbreakable friendships with Don Walker, Kim Lott, and Cheryl Vonzetta Rodgers.

## **THE HUSBAND & FAMILY MAN**

On December 31, 1993 Leonard married Francine Cravatt. Together they have two children Ryan and Camesa and four children from previous marriages: Nikki, Katherine, Jeremy, and Jessica. As a devoted husband he would ring in the new year by celebrating his wedding anniversary with family and friends. As a faithful family man, Leonard was known for his countless comical stories, fun scenic car rides, his good counsel, and his famous cooking. Some of his popular dishes were: Butch's World Famous Potato Salad, Banana Pudding, Dressing, Macaroni and Cheese, and Sweet Potato Pies. He was a true patriarch of the family. Whenever there was a need and/or problem he was the one called on, and his door was always opened.

## **THE PASTOR**

After years of running, he accepted his Divine calling to the ministry and become ordained and installed as the 2nd Pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church on July 24, 2011. While under his leadership Bethesda developed an outreach program, established the Annual Virtuous Woman Award, mentored fellow ministers allowing them opportunities to preach the Gospel, and established Friday Night Worship which included testimonies, sermonettes, and Men's Night Out. As Pastor he developed vital relationships with the following organizations: Capital Baptist Association, Ministers on the Move Orlando/OKC, Oklahoma Ethnic Fellowship of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and the East Zion Consolidated District. He was a Preacher's Preacher. Always looking to grow stronger in the Word. He was known for saying that he did not "research" the Word but that he had to "investigate."

## **THE LEGACY**

Rev. Leonard Johnson Jr. is survived by his devoted wife, Francine; two sons Jeremy (Christina) and Ryan; four daughters Nikki, Katherine (John), Jessica (Gary) and Camesa; two sisters LaWanda Jones and Brenda Hayes; ten grandchildren Raymond, D'Qualis, Jordan, Gary III, Kevin, Scholar, Jessiah, La'Shira, Tatyana, and Jessiel; two great-grandchildren Navay and Noah; one niece Desma; three nephews Leonardo Sr., Adrian, and Aaron; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his stepfather Dr. Thomas English, his oldest sister Leonette Titus, brother-in-law Arthur Jones, and two nephews Arthur Jr., and Micah Titus.