

PALLBEARERS
Brothers and Sons

FLOWER BEARERS
Ushers

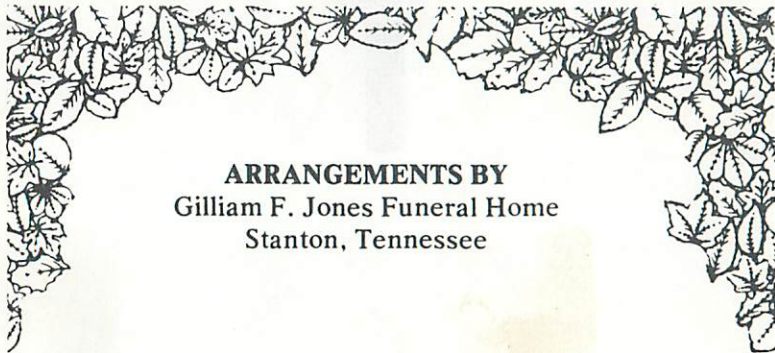
MY CHOICE

I would like to be a Prince on earth,
But better still to be
A Prince with God on the golden shore
That's washed by crystal sea.

I would like to walk with the great at men
The wielders of power and fame,
But the call of Jesus touched my heart,
I chose His way and name

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Each loving card, each comforting word,
Each visit to our grieved abode
Each lovely flower, each gracious prayer
To all who now our burden share.
Accept our thanks and gratitude
And may we say as well
Your Kindness meant for more to us
Than words can ever tell.



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Gilliam F. Jones Funeral Home
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OBSEQUIES

of
the late

WILLARD LOYAL JOHNSON

September 4, 1932 — July 24, 1983



MT. ZION M. B. CHURCH
Stanton, Tennessee

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1983
1:00 P.M.

REV. H. DOUGLAS, PASTOR
REV. F. J. POWELL, OFFICIATING

OBITUARY

Shall I doubt my Father's mercy?
Shall I think of death as doom,
Or the stepping o'er the threshold to a
bigger, brighter room?
Shall I blame my Father's Wisdom?
Shall I sit enswathed in gloom?
When I know my love is happy
Waiting in the other room.

Willard Loyal Johnson was born September 4, 1932 in Stanton, Tennessee from the union of the late Odessa Jones Johnson and Lesley Loyal Johnson. He departed this life July 24, 1983.

Brother Johnson joined Mt. Zion M.B. Church at a very early age. He served in the Korean Conflict from 1952-1954. He remained in the standing reserve for an additional seven years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel Johnson; four daughters, Miss Elaine Johnson of Stanton, Mrs. Patricia Rogers and Mrs. Barbara Jean Taylor of Jackson, Tennessee and Mrs. Moncella McKnight of Memphis, Tennessee; five sons, Travelle M. Johnson and Willard F. Johnson of Stanton, Gregory Loyal Johnson of Jackson, Tennessee, Carl Johnson of Texas, and Ernie McKnight of New York; five brothers, Charles Johnson of Memphis, Tennessee; Bobby W. Johnson, Gerald Johnson, Melvin Johnson and Ernie Fred Johnson of Fort Wayne, Indiana; one sister, Mrs. Cleo J. Harris of Nashville, Tennessee; eleven grandchildren; three sons-in-law; three daughters-in-law and a number of nieces and nephews as well as many relatives and friends.

BEYOND THE GATEWAY

There's an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone,
And there is a light we cannot see
Our Father claims his own.

Beyond the gate your loved one
Finds happiness and rest.
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Piano Meditation
Processional Nearer My God To Thee
Selection Choir
Scripture
Prayer
Solo Mrs. Lucille Pruiett
Resolutions
Acknowledgements Mrs. Annie M. Hill
Silent Reading of Obituary Soft Music
Eulogy Rev. F. J. Powell
Viewing the Remains Mortician
Recessional Nearer My God To Thee

