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**Homegoing Celebration  
for  
Dond L. Johnson**



*"Sunrise"*

*April 12, 1963*

*"Sunset"*

*January 13, 2015*

*Friday, January 23, 2015*

*12:00 noon*

*Bethel Tabernacle  
United Holy Church of America, Inc.  
668 Clinton Street  
Buffalo, New York 14210*

*Elder Jeremiah Carter, Pastor  
Minister Vanessa Cook, Officiating*





# A Tribute to Dond L. Johnson



## (Minister of Music)

Dond L. Johnson, son of Mary Ann Johnson and William Johnson, was born April 12, 1963 in Boston, Massachusetts. He gently passed away Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Dond was raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He later moved to Buffalo, New York to attend College and graduated from the University of Buffalo.

Dond accepted Christ at an early age and started playing the piano in church. Dond loved playing music and worked for various churches in the Buffalo area as a minister of music. He continued his music ministry playing for various groups: Union, Marty Moore and the Voices of Marty, and accompanied many soloists. Many churches benefited from his gift of music including Lincoln Memorial, Bethel AME, Shiloh Baptist Church, and Bethel Tabernacle.

Dond had a unique sense of humor and his life touched many. He had his own way of expressing his opinions that left no one in doubt about how he felt. He loved to travel, going out to dinner, and church. Dond had a special love for his mother. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

Dond is survived by his parents, siblings, one son, and a host of family and friends.



God saw you getting tired and a cure was not meant to be  
So He put his arms around you and whispered, "Come to me"  
With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away  
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay  
A golden heart stopped beating, hard hands at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes "The Best"



# Order of Service



*Hymn of Comfort*.....*Soon and Very Soon*

*Prayer of Comfort*.....*Rev. Gregory P. Nelson, Pastor  
DeLaine Waring, AME Church*

### *Scripture Reading*

*Old Testament - Isaiah 40:28-31*.....*Minister Alfreda Pinkston*

*New Testament - Revelation 21:4*.....*Deacon William Humphrey*

*Praise & Worship*.....*Bethel Tabernacle Praise Team*

*Reflections*.....*Clergy*

*Song Selection*.....*Mitchell McCleod*

*Reflections (2 minutes)*.....*Family & Friends*

*Song Selection*.....*Carol Milhouse*

*Acknowledgement of Cards*.....*April Tompkins*

*Song Selection*.....*Union*

*Obituary Reading*.....*April Tompkins*

*Song Selection (Take Me To The King)*.....*Jeannie Lumpkin*

*Words of Comfort*.....*Pastor Jeremiah E. Carter*

*Committal*.....*Pastor Jeremiah E. Carter*

*Closing Song (Goin' Up Yonder)*.....*Congregation*

*Recessional*.....*I'll Fly Away*

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path GOD laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times,  
loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
GOD wanted me now, He set me free.

-Author Unknown



## A Note of Gratitude

A special thank you to brother Darren for all the transporting,  
doctor visits and special love you offered in time of need.

A special thank you to Elder Jeremiah Carter and the  
Bethel Tabernacle Church family and Minister Robert Sharpe.

We thank everyone for all the heartfelt acts of kindness and  
expressions of love shown during this time of trials.

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A final memorial service will be held Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 10am  
Greater Tabernacle – 9417 93rd St – Cleveland, Ohio 44105

## Arrangements Entrusted To

Memory Memorial Services, Rochester, New York