



## Rodell Johnson Sr.

July 21, 1957 - December 17, 2020

Albany – Rodell Johnson, Sr. was born July 21, 1957 to the late John E. and Josephine Johnson, in Georgia. His family moved to Albany, New York January 19, 1965, where he resided until his unexpected passing, Thursday, December 17, 2020.

He was employed by the City of Albany Water Department for over 35 years. He was a remarkable bowler, in a class of his own, at the Action Lanes for many years. He was known for his favorite saying “Ain’t no shame in my game.”

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his beloved wife Gina M. Cusato, and his siblings Sernailon Johnson and Betty L. Kirkley.

Rodell leaves to cherish his memory his three loving children, Janelle Johnson, Sara Johnson, and Rodell “RJ” Johnson, Jr., and one adorable grandchild, Sa’Ron Jones; his siblings, Purvis (Zany) Johnson, Jerome Johnson, Angeline (Jimmy) Lawson, Anvernita (Bishop Willie R.) Lawson, John E. (Janie) Johnson, Jestine Thompson, Mabeline Johnson, Leon (Diane) Johnson, and Benzie (Lisa) Johnson; his special friends, The Wilson Family,

The Lawson Family, a beloved sister-in-law Carrie Ragland, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Rodell's family on Monday, December 28, 2020 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206, with a service honoring his life at 5:00 pm. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; Masks and Social Distancing are required; and 40 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home.

To leave Rodell's family a message on their guestbook, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit [www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **28**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
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## Service

DEC **28**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodell Johnson Sr.*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 26, 2020 at 12:52 PM

BU

*He was a great friend more like a brother to me*

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**Bulldog** - December 26, 2020 at 03:29 PM

DM

*Dell was my friend he always was a good guy to me and he will be missed*

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**Douglas Martak** - December 28, 2020 at 05:23 PM

LB

*We were deeply saddened when we heard of Del's sudden passing. We knew Del from the St Ann/ St John kitchen. He was always such a presence radiating warmth and friendship to all. He treated us like we were special, but I think Del made everyone feel that way. Rest in peace, Del. You will be greatly missed but never forgotten.*

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**Lisa and Patrick Bryant** - December 29, 2020 at 06:38 PM

DO

*Such wonderful memories growing up with this dude in the LSE. A 51 year friendship that we'll always treasure. Spaghetti Sunday's at my moms house and always a perfect gentleman. See you when I get there brother.*

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**daniel oliveri** - January 01, 2021 at 07:59 PM

GS

*I worked with Dell for almost thirty years at the water dept. He certainly was one of a kind.*

**Greg Slocum** - January 07, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Rodell Johnson Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *DELL, I'M SO SORRY YOU'RE GONE. I KNOW YOUR HAPPY IN HEAVEN WITH YOUR WIFE NOW. TO THOSE OF YOU WHO LOST THIS MAN, IM SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. HE WAS A GOOD MAN WHO WAS HAPPY.*

**Dawn Mello** - March 05, 2021 at 11:13 PM

JO

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of your family member, Rodell.*

*Douglas & Joyce Brown*

**joyce** - December 28, 2020 at 06:04 PM

DO

“ So sorry for your loss, Rodell was great friend and one hell of a good man. Rodell and I was together every day growing up in the 70s he was always at my house on second ave in the great south end of Albany N.Y. I have so many fond memories of growing up with him. Thru the years we lost touch of each other but as I look back and think of him there wasn't a week that went by that I didn't think of my old friend Rodell, he had always been on my mind. My mother loved him too she often called him her other son. You will be forever missed my friend and never forgotten. GOD has you now and you are in the best hands.....P.S. do me a favor and tell my mom I said hello she will be happy to see you. Your forever friend Dominick Oliveri.



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**Dominick R Oliveri** - December 28, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rodell Johnson Sr..



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December 28, 2020 at 09:09 AM

“ 26 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 26, 2020 at 12:52 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the album *Papa*



Janelle - December 24, 2020 at 02:19 PM

JC

“ *Janelle my condolences to you and your family. I haven't seen Rodell since he was a teenager. He was a nice guy and your mom loved him so much. You have been through so much and I'm so sorry for all your losses. You have many Angels watching over you! May he rest in peace.*

Joni Curry - December 23, 2020 at 05:36 PM

VT

“ *My condolences to your family. You were like an uncle to me as well. I can remember as a little girl you always had jokes so full of life.*



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**Vonda Thompson** - December 23, 2020 at 05:25 PM

GS

*I'm sorry to hear of Dell's passing. I worked with him at the Water department for almost thirty years. He was one of a kind, if you met him, you didn't forget him.*

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**Greg Slocum** - December 26, 2020 at 07:38 PM



*May he RIP. I'm sorry for your loss  
He was a guy who loved life.*

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**Dawn Mello** - March 05, 2021 at 11:30 PM