

# Emerick Robert Johnson

October 19, 1957 - January 1, 2022

## Emerick Robert Johnson ~ A Jackson Legend Obituary

On Saturday, January 1, 2022 New Year's Day a Jackson legend, Emerick Robert Johnson spirit transitioned from our physical world to the spiritual world. He woke up that morning and drove himself to the hospital where he passed from a massive heart attack. Emerick was born to the union of Robert and Geneva Johnson on October 19, 1957 in Jackson, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents, twin sisters Dianna (Hurt) Sanders and Diann Hurt, and brother-in-law Robert Pearson.

Emerick grew up in a middle-class home with his mother and father who were very loving, religious, spiritual, hardworking, and independent. They were exceptionally skilled at many things like business matters, handymen/maintenance, sports, music, cooking, gardening, and the list goes on. They were very involved in their community; church, neighborhood affairs, and city structures and regulations. A black family with their status at that time made them legendary in their community, even until this day. This set the tone for Emerick's adulthood. That became the foundation and influence for him to utilize his talents, intelligence, and to be humble with a big heart that loved everyone. It didn't matter who you were, where you came from, your cultural background, and race didn't matter to him. He treated everyone special but somehow, he made everyone feel uniquely special about themselves. Everyone who knew him, has an Emerick story to tell. He was always smiling and joking around, but if you crossed him or someone he cared about, you would be in trouble. Many had to find that out the hard way.

Emerick was a very sentimental individual and he deeply loved his family. He often spoke highly about his children and he would always support them any way that he could. He was a proud father and proud of each of his children and grandchildren. He knew his family well and how everyone was connected. As a child, he would be the one sitting in the midst of "Adult conversations" and wouldn't forget a thing or any detail that was

spoken about. As an adult he was able to bring those same conversations into today's conversations and make them relevant so we could learn from them. He also spent time watching his mother cook her famous Sweet Potato Pies and when she was no longer able, he began to make them. You could not tell her pies from his pies. His mother was his world and he was hers. On February 15, 2021 she passed away from aging. She was 17 days from being 92 years of age and he had diligently cared for her for years right up to the end. Every year on Christmas day, him and her hosted a huge family gathering for breakfast. He was the main cook and every year it seemed to get bigger and bigger as it became a family and friend's breakfast, which will be truly, truly missed.

The single and most remembered thing that many, many individuals will miss about Emerick, is getting their haircut. Emerick was phenomenal at his craft and the GOAT in Jackson for his grooming skills. It didn't matter if it was a man, woman, or a child, he worked with them all and he did it all. Perms, trims, beards, eyebrows, etc., women never had to worry about him cutting off too much of their hair when they got a trim. Lastly, he was recognized for being a true hustler. A man that would find a way to make a dollar. "Papa was a rolling stone," no more needs to be said.

Cherished and precious memories of Emerick's life will live on in the hearts of his family and friends. He is survived by his five children and 15 grandchildren; Eric (Amanda Hynes) Ingram (his children; Zaire Ingram, Xavion Ingram, Ariyana Ingram, Tyson Ingram, and Kingston Ingram) from Jackson, Michigan. Emerick Marquis Johnson Sr. (his children; Emerick Marquis Johnson Jr. and Emma Marie Johnson) from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Brian (Crystal) Campbell (his children; Brian Nathaniel Campbell the 2nd and Graham Nathaniel Campbell) from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Genina (Darrin Gipson) Lashay Smith (her children; Jayveon Smith, Will Smith, Gekiyah Gipson, and Darhianna Gipson) from Jackson, Michigan. Kiara Marie Smith (her children; Keiarh Smith and Kaleah Upshaw) from Jackson, Michigan. Siblings; Phyllis Pearson from Holly Springs, Mississippi, Dexter (Sharon) Hurt from Jackson, Michigan, Warren (Zetta) Johnson Sr. from Jackson, Michigan, Stanley Johnson Sr. from Jackson, Michigan, Craig (Rita Arnold) Johnson from Jackson, Michigan. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends and associates will also remain to treasure the life and legacy he lived.

Written by Joan Lewis

January 11, 2022

# Cemetery

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# Events

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Private Internment

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Visitation

02:00PM - 08:00PM

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The House of Johnson Funeral Home- Jackson Chapel  
235 West Prospect Street, Jackson, MI, US, 49203

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Family Hour

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Greater Bible Way Temple

322 Madison Street, Jackson, MI, US, 49202

JAN

Funeral Service

11:00AM

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Greater Bible Way Temple

322 Madison Street, Jackson, MI, US, 49202

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**The House Of Johnson Funeral Home** - January 15 at 07:40 AM



“ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and pray for God's peace to be upon their lives..

**Ronald** - January 15 at 10:28 AM



“ My condolences to the Johnson family. May God grant you peace and comfort as you go through this transition. My prayers are with you always

**SHERI BLACKWELL** - January 15 at 12:43 PM

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“ Dianna Seay lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



**Dianna Seay** - January 14 at 11:54 AM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Emerick Robert Johnson.



January 14 at 08:33 AM

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One day, our children will see the pictures and ask: "Who are these people?"

And I'll smile with invisible tears because a heart is touched with a strong word and I'll say: "It was them that I had some of the best days of my life with."



**Carl Thomas** - January 13 at 08:06 PM



“ RIP MY MAN .

**Craig Foster** - February 02 at 06:57 PM



“ To my brother he was a KIND KING who loved us all i loved him like only a baby brother could i needed him and he needed me. Never died just moved up.

**Baby bro Craig Johnson** - January 12 at 01:27 AM



“ Emmerick Johnson...

I remember first meeting Emmerick and his brother's through the Jackson Community Choir and I remember that he played the drums and Warren the Organ. I'll never forget Emmerick had a new little Honda Mini Bike (Greenish Blue) and that was a big thing back then for a black family. Later in our lives Emmerick became a barber, my barber and was good at it. My condolences to the Johnson family and Emmerick May you find peace amongst our ancestors as they receive you on the other side..... REST MY BROTHER UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.....

Carlton Butler

Carlton Butler - January 11 at 04:29 PM



“ Emerick Johnson, was a great man. He cut my hair better than anybody. Me and my brother, Michael Palmer will miss him dearly. RIH Emerick.

Michael Palmer - January 12 at 12:41 AM



“ Sending prayers of comfort to the Johnson family during this difficult time. R.I.L. Emmerick.

BRENDA S. HARREN - January 12 at 08:28 PM

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“ Edna Sherrod lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



Edna Sherrod - January 11 at 02:48 PM

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“ My condolences to the Johnson family, Emerick and I were friends throughout my childhood and thru high school. Sorry to hear of the loss - Rest in Peace my Brother  
Randy Taylor  
Denver CO

Randy Taylor - January 11 at 11:17 AM

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“ My Condolences & Deepest Sympathy to the Fam & Friends of Emerick Johnson. Thinking of Emerick always brings a smile & warms my heart. Although I wasn't popular at Parkside High School, he always treated me with respect & kept me laughing! To know him, was to Love him! Days gone by, yet never forgotten.... His memory will always bring joy. See u at the Crossroads my friend! Sincerely, Sabrina Neves-Demps



**Sabrina Neves-Demps** - January 09 at 03:47 PM



“ Amazing! I had no idea we shared the same birthday, just different years! Sabrina  
**Sabrina Neves-Demps** - January 09 at 03:52 PM



“ My sincere Condolences to the Johnson and Hurd family Praying with you all for strength as you go through this difficult time..



**Teresa Box** - January 09 at 02:54 PM



“ Truly SHOCKED at this news. Emerick was more than just a barber to me. He always meant well when it comes to people. TRULY will miss him. My sincere condolences to the Johnson family.



Dave Edward Fowler - January 09 at 01:00 PM

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“ Dad u helped me understand who I am as both a man and a Johnson .... We had the deepest talks and u showed me where I get this heart from I love u more than I'll ever be able to show but I hope this next chapter with my brothers and sisters truly make u proud forever my #ROLLINGSTONE 🙏 Emerick sr...



emerick johnson Sr - January 08 at 05:26 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. RIP cuz, gone but never forgotten, you touched a lot of lives, best known as one of Jackson's finest barbers.

**Alicia Johnson** - January 09 at 06:58 AM



“ My condolences to the Johnson family, which I have known and been friends with since the '60s. I am truly sorry for your loss.

**Michael Stallworth** - January 09 at 10:18 AM



“ Emerick you brought a lot of joy and happiness into my world over the years I will always and forever love you ever so deeply RIP

**Kozetta Arnold** - January 13 at 03:41 AM

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“ Cynthia Clark lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



**Cynthia Clark** - January 08 at 01:29 PM



“ Rest Friend You Will NEVER Be Forgotten!!

**Cynthia Clark** - January 08 at 01:31 PM



“ I miss my dad So much A real stand Up Guy. Gave love like no other no matter what. He taught me a lot and im so glad that we had time well spent.



**Kiara Smith** - January 08 at 07:57 AM

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“ My condolences GO OUT TOO MY NEPHEW EMERICK MARQUESE JOHNSON AND ALL HIS JOHNSON FAMILY ?EMERICK WAS MY BROTHER FROM DAY ONE HE CUT ALL MY HAIR OFF BACK IN 1983 WHEN I JUST HAD TO HAVE A GURY CURL ...He made me feel confident And happy I'm so glad that you are who you are not fake And that's why you Will always be called my Brother YOU COULD FAST TALK ANYBODY RIH BROTHER .....

Chery Box Martin  
Victor Martin Sr



Cheryl Box Martin - January 07 at 11:51 PM

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“ I'm going to miss seeing Emerick. He was like family. He lived across the street from my family home most of my life. We were very close neighbors and looked out for each other, loved each other and shared many laughs and conversations and good times. He had a good heart and his spirit will definitely be missed. Rest in Heaven

Alexis Moss - January 07 at 12:24 PM



“ Thank you

Kiara Smith - January 08 at 07:48 AM



“ Your welcome ! Condolences and prayers for your family love

Alexis Moss - January 11 at 01:33 PM

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“ Such a loving person gone to soon, he touched alot of people hearts, not to mention his awesome talent as a barber, alot of memories we all shall cherish. R.I.P cuz, as you always called me AJAX (Alicia Johnson)

**AliciaJohnson** - January 07 at 10:45 AM



“ Thank you

**Kiara Smith** - January 08 at 07:48 AM



“ God bless the Hurt & Johnson families. We regret the loss of your loved one..EMERICK. HE was such a pleasant & Cheerful person; loved entertaining & keeping a smile on your face. There's certainly a void in our lives. Praying for everyone. A BRIGHTER DAY IS AHEAD...GOD IS IN CONTROL!!! Much Love, Elder Tony & Lady Ollie Lyons

**Tony & Ollie Lyons** - January 07 at 10:45 AM



“ Sending My Prayers Love and thoughts to the Johnson Family I'm so sorry for your loss Emerick will be sadly Missed Love You All R.I.P E

**Kevin Lott** - January 07 at 06:21 AM



“ My condolences to the Johnson family. Emerick you will be truly missed

**Lisa Weathers** - January 07 at 05:07 AM



“ Adrienne Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



**Adrienne Lloyd** - January 06 at 10:53 PM



“ Someone already posted the picture, but my favorite memory of Emerick is him holding the book that says “I love you with all my kidney”. It was one of the best pictures in the yearbook that year. When I heard of his passing, I got that book out just to see it again. Fly High my fellow Eagle!

**Faye Sayre** - January 06 at 09:44 PM

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“ My 1st love forever in my



**Theresa Smith** - January 06 at 09:27 PM

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“ My Sympathy And Prayers Are With The Johnson Family And Friends Emerick Was An Excellent Barber And Loved His Job And Community He Will Be Missed May He Rest In Peace



**Lena Faye Long** - January 06 at 08:44 PM

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“ Terri Robinson-Watson lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



**Terri Robinson-Watson** - January 06 at 08:35 PM

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“ From the Payne family..



**Gloria Payne** - January 06 at 08:11 PM

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“ Lorretta Hall lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



**Lorretta Hall** - January 06 at 08:08 PM

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“ Phillip Selby lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



**Phillip Selby** - January 06 at 07:32 PM

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“ To the Family,  
This message comes with deepest sympathy and warm and caring thoughts to you today. May it be a help and comfort to know how often you will be thought of during your time of sorrow.



**Arlene Robinson** - January 06 at 05:39 PM



“ My Deepest Condolences To The Family May He Rest In Peace

**Terri Robinson-Watson** - January 06 at 08:36 PM

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“ We were best friends until your last day. We talked up until that night before you passed. We waited for you to return home that night but you didn't. We embraced each other as we gathered around you to say our goodbyes, with tears flowing, hearts aching, trying to understand why; and we said a little joke here and there to lighten our somber moods as we left your hospital room. You will forever in our hearts and will be truly missed by our children and grandchildren and I EJ, Love Always

**Theresa Smith** - January 06 at 03:50 PM

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**Theresa Smith** - January 06 at 03:48 PM

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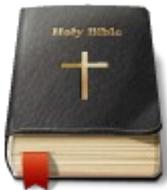


**Dallarie Haney** - January 06 at 11:26 AM

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“ Westbrook Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



**Westbrook Family** - January 06 at 12:36 AM

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“ Michael And Rhonda Hughbanks sent a virtual gift in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



Michael and Rhonda Hughbanks - January 06 at 12:34 AM

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“ To the Johnson family and Emericks children you have my sincerest condolences at this difficult time I will surely miss our talks and laughing about the good ole days you were always my number 1 barber Rest in his arms my friend/barber



Rhonda Tre and Mekye - January 05 at 06:10 PM

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“ Lezlie Bowles & Michael Gant lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



Lezlie Bowles & Michael Gant - January 05 at 04:46 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album PHS 1975 Yearbook



**Carl Thomas** - January 05 at 03:39 PM



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**Carl** - January 13 at 07:54 PM

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“ Miles Sterling lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



**Miles Sterling** - January 05 at 11:25 AM

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“ Praying for the family of Emerick R. Johnson



**Sis. Teresa Gibson and Family** - January 04 at 10:06 PM

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“ Gloria Kienutske lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



**Gloria Kienutske** - January 04 at 09:46 PM

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“ Very nice guy my prayer goes out to the family



**Gloria Kienutske** - January 04 at 09:45 PM

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“ Valerie Goodloe And Siblings lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



Valerie Goodloe and siblings - January 04 at 09:20 PM

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“ Cynthia Kelley lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



Cynthia Kelley - January 04 at 07:38 PM



“ Lit a candle in the memory of Emerick Johnson

Michael Palmer - January 12 at 12:45 AM

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“ BRENDA LOWDER lit a candle in memory of Emerick Robert Johnson



BRENDA LOWDER - January 04 at 11:07 AM