



## James Ray "High Pocket" Johnson

November 17, 1949 - February 5, 2025

Love is patient, love is kind, love does not envy or boast, it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hope all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Deacon James Johnson

High Pocket

James Ray Johnson was born in Galveston, TX on November 17, 1949 to Betty Ruth (Holmes) and Joe Johnson Sr.

James attended LaMarque public schools. He completed his education, graduating from Lincoln High School, LaMarque, TX as a proud graduate of the Class of 1968. After graduation, James served in the United States Navy and he was also an active reservist.

James worked at Amoco Oil Company as a Machinist, Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) as a Guard, and Union Pacific Railroad as a Tracman. He retired from Union Pacific Railroad in 2021. After retirement James loved to travel. James loved and appreciated all sports. He was an advocate Dallas Cowboy fan. He enjoyed watching old western movies and television shows. James loved the Lord and was a former member of Greater Macedonia Baptist Church under the late Pastor S. A. Anderson. He later united with Mt. Gilead Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Michael Porter Sr. James loved his church, his Pastor and his church family. Because of his

faithful service, James was ordained as a Deacon on November 17, 2024 on his birthday. James was a kind and loving man, he loved his family and friends, and he was always available to them. With James, no one was a stranger, everyone was welcomed.

He married the love of his life, Alice Johnson and were happily together for 40 years.

God makes no mistakes and on February 5, 2025, God called James home in Friendswood, TX. He is preceded in death by his parents, Betty Ruth and Joe Johnson Sr; brothers, Joe Johnson Jr and Terry Johnson; sister, Stephanie Johnson; mother-in-law, Arie Yoakum; father-in-law, Ruben Yoakum Sr; brother-in-law, Oliver Wendell Holmes; and sister-in-law, Deborah Yoakum.

Left with cherished memories is his loving and devoted wife of 40 years Alice Johnson, of LaMarque, TX; son, Harold Johnson of Texas City, TX; brother, Stephen Johnson (Carrie) of Austin, TX; brothers-in-law, Ruben Yoakum Jr. (Tamara) of Texas City, TX, Larry Yoakum Sr. (Maggie) of Austin, TX; sisters-in-laws, Gloria Yoakum of Houston, TX, Aletha Celestine and Marilyn Yoakum of Texas City, TX; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

James was thankful and appreciative of the special people who were in his life, Darren Rosemond, Wilson Josey, Warren Sullen, Billy Harris, and Lafayette McKinney who will forever cherish his memory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 9:00 AM (CT)

Greater Barbour's Chapel Baptist Church  
7420 FM 1765  
Texas City, TX 77591

## Celebration of Life

FEB 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

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7420 FM 1765  
Texas City, TX 77591

## Burial

FEB 26. 11:15 AM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery  
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038

# Tribute Wall

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“ Shontae Johnson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Ray "High Pocket" Johnson.

Shontae Johnson and Family - February 27, 2025 at 11:44 AM

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“ Shontae Johnson and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Ray "High Pocket" Johnson.



Shontae Johnson and Family - February 27, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of James Ray "High Pocket" Johnson.



February 18, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Ray "High Pocket" Johnson.

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SA

“ I have many fond memories of "Pocket" especially from the 1970s. He was one of those older guys that you looked up to and wanted to be like. Pocket had a dark metallic blue 1962 Chevy Impala back in the 1970s. That Impala not only looked good but Pocket had nice mag wheels, big racing tires a fast powerful engine in it and it sounded good too. He and my brother Marion were good friends. He always had some good music like Isaac Hayes playing on his 8 track player in his Impala. Pocket dressed nicely too with his bell bottom pants, disco type shirts and tall platform heel shoes. He also sported a nice fidora hat (Superfly Style). Those guys would work during the week and go clubbing on the weekends. He would put some miles on that 62 Impala. We bought matching platform heeled shoes in Houston. They were sharp with 3 inch heels, and plaid cloth on the heels and platforms. I would later join the Navy as Pocket did. We will miss you Pocket. Rest in peace shipmate.  
Sam Andrews (Buggy) USNR Retired

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**Samuel Andrews** - February 13, 2025 at 04:25 PM

CA

“ 🌸 My deepest sympathy to you for the loss of High Pockets. I'm praying for you and your family 🙏

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**Christene Andrews-Anderson** - February 10, 2025 at 06:37 PM

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“ T Roberson sent a virtual gift in memory of James Ray "High Pocket" Johnson



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**T Roberson** - February 09, 2025 at 07:18 PM