



## Alston A Johnson Jr.

February 17, 2024

Alston "Tuffy" Johnson Jr., a man whose warmth filled rooms and whose laughter echoed in hearts, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 17, 2024. Born on August 6, 1976, in Torrance, California, to the late Alston A. Johnson Sr. and Gwendolyn Stewart Johnson, Tuffy's life was a tapestry woven with culinary delights, sharp skills, and an abundance of love.

Tuffy accepted Christ and was Baptized at an early age at South Vermont Avenue Baptist Church of Gardena California. Tuffy carried his faith close throughout his life. He was the youngest of five children and a beacon of joy and peace for his family and friends. He never met a stranger, his smile lighting up every room he entered. His infectious laughter was a constant reminder to embrace life's simple pleasures.

Tuffy wore two hats with pride - a chef's toque and a barber's cape. He nourished bodies and souls with his culinary creations, delighting palates on local shores, offshore adventures, and river journeys. He then transformed himself into a master barber, meticulously crafting hairstyles and cultivating lasting connections with his clients.

But above all, Tuffy was a devoted father. He loved his three children dearly, their names forever on his lips and their well-being his constant concern. He leaves behind a loving legacy, a testament to his kindness, generosity, and zest for life.

He is survived by his three heartbeats Kia, Zoe and Caleb. Siblings of the first union – the late Raymond Johnson (Quenda), Mark Johnson (Montrice), Kim

Soto (Orlando), Shawn Rogers (Miner). His loving mother of the second union, Gwendolyn Johnson and siblings: Terry, Lanis, Kevin, Troy, Tara, Carla, Kendra and Larry whom he loved and cherished.

His vibrant spirit also lives on in the hearts of his numerous nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

Though Tuffy is no longer physically present, his warm smile, infectious laughter, and the memories he created will forever be cherished by those who loved him dearly.

Until we meet again in eternity. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Funeral Service at Heart to Heart Baptist Church, 3631 Washington Ave. NOLA on Saturday March 2, 2024 at 10:00 AM, Visitation 9:00 AM. Interment: Mt. Olivet Cemetery, NOLA. Arrangement by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Heart to Heart Family Worship Center  
3631 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125

## Funeral Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Tuffy you were a Great Father, Brother and Friend!!! Your Celebration of Life was awesome. Shawn sent you home 1st class and she Preached us Happy. That service had God all on it just like you would have wanted. Until we meet again my Lil Brother. Tracey*

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**Tracey Compass** - March 02, 2024 at 09:34 PM

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“ *To Mark, Kim, Shaun and Family. Sending our deepest and heartfelt condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God's love and grace fill your hearts and bring you peace.*

*Love and Blessings,  
Uncle Tom and Anna Dupaty*

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**Thomas** - March 01, 2024 at 11:23 PM

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“ My first love, my husband, you were my everything! We lost our way over the last past few years, got it together and again lost it all. I will continue to cherish all the good memories, all the good times, and all the love we shared over the course of our 27 years of marriage. Thanks for making me a proud mother to our three beautiful, outgoing, intelligent, outstanding, and very outspoken children. Kia graduates in 2025 with her doctrine in Pharmacy and her masters in Health administration. Zoe graduates from Diillard University in Nursing program in 2026. And Caleb is graduating high school this year and will attend college on a scholarship. As your legacy continues on I will make sure our children, and grand children remember all the good things, and all the sacrifices you made to make sure we had everything. Get your rest! I have our kids. Tell grandmother, paw paw, auntie Robbie, auntie Gayle and my favorite brother in law Ray we love and miss yall. RIP Alston A “Tuffy” Johnson Jr

Nicole Johnson - March 01, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alston A Johnson Jr..



February 29, 2024 at 01:57 PM

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“ Walmart Pharmacy team in Metairie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alston A Johnson Jr..

Walmart Pharmacy team in Metairie - February 29, 2024 at 01:57 PM