



# Phillip "Hawkeye" Johnson Jr.

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**P**hillip Johnson, age 84 affectionately known as "Hawkeye" transitioned into eternal rest on Sunday, September 07, 2025.

Born in Annapolis, Maryland, Phillip was the son of the late Phillip Sr. and Elizabeth Johnson. Phillip received his early education from Anne Arundel Public Schools. He attended Wiley H. Bates High School before he made the decision to join the United States Army, beginning a distinguished military career that would span over two decades.

With unwavering commitment and courage, Phillip became a lifelong member of the Armed Forces, always ready to stand in defense of freedom. Throughout his service, Phillip was stationed at several key military installations, including Fort Meade (Maryland), Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville (Alabama), Fort Rucker (Alabama), Fort Bliss in El Paso (Texas), USAG Rheinland-Pfalz in Baumholder, (Germany) and Caserne Lariboisière in Fontainebleau (France).

His assignments reflected both his versatility and his steadfast dedication to duty. Phillip served as a member of the U.S. Army's 3rd Armored Division-known as the "Spearhead Division"-Phillip completed two tours in Vietnam, demonstrating extraordinary bravery. His heroism was recognized with the Bronze Star Medal-a testament to his valor and selflessness in combat.

Over the course of his military career, Phillip was certified as both an auto mechanic and a field communications specialist, he earned numerous certifications, awards, and accolades, each marking a chapter of excellence and contribution to the Army and his fellow soldiers. Phillip retired in 1982 with the rank of Sergeant First Class, receiving an honorable discharge after 22 years of service.

His legacy in uniform was one of integrity, leadership, and patriotism. After retiring from the Army, Phillip continued his service to the community as a clerk at the United States Postal Service Bulk Distribution Center in Kearny, New Jersey, where he worked for another decade before retiring once more.



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In 1988, Phillip married his beloved wife, Suzanne D. Johnson. Together, they built a life in Newark, New Jersey, grounded in faith, music, and community. Their union, which spanned over 37 years, was a testament to enduring love, dedication and sacrifice.

It was in Newark that Phillip joined the gospel singing group The Mighty Crystallites, forging deep bonds with his band brothers and showcasing their harmonic talents in churches and venues across cities and states near and far. Phillip's love for gospel music had been planted early in life, nurtured as a young member of Second Baptist Church in Annapolis, Maryland.

There, he found joy not only in singing but also in listening to various musical artists and genres—each one enriching his mind and soul. Later in life, Phillip returned to his hometown of Annapolis to be near his siblings. He embraced a quiet and peaceful life, finding solace in working on cars and repairing electronics—simple pleasures that reflected his love for craftsmanship.

In addition to his parents, Phillip was also preceded in death by his sisters; Elizabeth O'Connor Gray, Atha Lavinia Johnson, and Betty Mary Pringle. brother; Louis Green brother in laws; Luther Gray, & Issac Pringle sister in laws; Mary Johnson and Joyce Johnson former wife; Geraldine Corbett and eldest cousin; Melvin Clark

Phillip leaves behind to cherish unforgettable moments and beautiful memories to his wife; Suzanne D. Johnson of Newark, New Jersey, daughter; Phyllis Una Johnson, grandchildren; Brandi Jovan Johnson and Jarred Lemar Johnson, great- grandchildren; Kahlon McCullough and Kendall Johnson all of Huntsville Alabama, sisters; Louise Johnson and Joanne Parker (Joseph) brothers; Jack Johnson (Barbara) and James Johnson, all of Annapolis, Maryland adopted daughter; Sharlette R. Saunders, bonus grand daughter; Kenya Saunders and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He will also be sorely missed by his eldest cousin; Veronica Johnson and closest friends; Harold & Joseph "Brown, Charles Hicks & Mr. Lee and friends at the Sweet Shop in New Jersey.



## Events


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### Viewing

 **Friday**, September 19, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**  
814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis MD 21401



### Funeral Service

 **Friday**, September 19, 2025


 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


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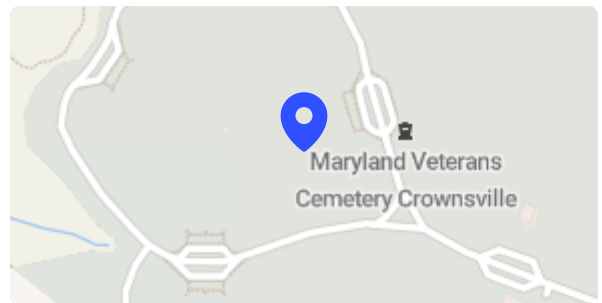


### Committal Service with Military Honors

 **Monday**, September 22, 2025

 10:45 AM ET

 **Crownsville Veterans Cemetery**  
1122 Sunrise Beach Road, Crownsville MD 21032





## Tribute Wall

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**Carlaiah Jackson** posted:

Wow, in search for my best friend, I have come across this news and am deeply saddened. He did lead an amazing fulfilling life. I knew him as my best friends dad, but he also treated me like his own as well any time I was around, and that was pretty much all the time in high school. My fondest and funniest memory of him is when Sharlette and I wanted to go to a high school party and I had lost my high school ID. He sat there and cut one of our mall pictures up and made me an ID laminated with tape and colored it green with crayons to match the original. Sharlette and I laughed about that for years. You will truly be missed and Sharlette and family, I am sending my deepest love and condolences although a month later. I loved him like a bonus dad. Rest in peace!

October 13 at 9:43 AM



**Wanda Mackell** posted:

Hawkeye, you will be remembered for many things, all good. You will be missed! Always, Wanda

September 18 at 10:56 PM



**Peggy Pergerson** posted:

My memories were when he would come to visit his sister Joann and her family. Jo and I lived in Robinwood at the time, and when he would stop by, he would talk more smack than anything. The last time I saw him was when he and his sister came into the commissary, and he lost her. He asked me did I saw his sister. I said yes, and she is looking for you.

September 14 at 10:34 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Phillip by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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