

OBITUARY

THE LIFE OF HOMER JOHNSON JR.

Homer Johnson Jr. was born on April 26, 1924 to Homer Johnson Sr. and Edith Rudisel Johnson. He was the eldest of six children. On Tuesday, March 14, 2017, he was called to take his place among the Angels.

Homer was a proud Marine, and reported for duty in 1943 at Montford Point Camp Lejune in North Carolina. He had the distinction of being a part of the first Black Battallion in the Marine brotherhood called the Montford Point Marines. In 2011 Homer was honored with the Congressional Gold Medal for his time as a Montford Point Marine. After his service, he decided to pursue his education at South Carolina State University where he was initiated into the Xi Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Soon thereafter Homer married his longtime sweetheart Edna Moorer and from that union two daughters were born. Homer and Edna chose to relocate and raise their family in Los Angeles. Thereafter Homer began his career as a Probation Officer. He had a passion for working with youth and during his time he also worked as a Special Agent for gangs in Los Angeles. Homer retired from the Los Angeles County Probation Department after thirty-five years of service to the community.

Homer was a member of Angeles Mesa Presbyterian church for over twenty years where he was an usher, and a volunteer of many other projects in the church.

Up until his departure, Homer lead and/or participated in The Omega Psi Phi Annual Golf Tournament, The Montford Point Marine bus trips (the proceeds going towards college scholarships), and South Carolina State University bus trips (where the proceeds also went towards college scholarships).

Homer loved the blues, had a great sense of humor, and enjoyed playing practical jokes. He was generous, always happy, and full of life. Above all he was dedicated to his family which extended beyond bloodlines. To cherish his memories he leaves behind his 2 daughters; Cheryl Johnson-Tate and Carla Yvette Selfridge, 3 granddaughters; Lauren Tate Baeza and husband Gregory Cesar Bazar, Beverly Denise Hawkins, and Taylor Mackenzie Selfridge, 2 grandsons; Jason Garret Tate and wife Cherita Elyse Tate and Harry Patterson Hawkins III; 2 great grandchildren; Mia Tate Bess and Kadence Andrea Tate, 2 sisters; Marjorie Johnson Myers and Barbara Johnson Campbell, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.