



## Jayneal Benjamin Joseph

August 26, 1955 - June 12, 2020

Jayneal Benjamin Joseph was born August 26, 1955 in New Orleans, LA to Herbert Joseph and Joy Williams; peacefully transitioned into the arms of his savior on June 12, 2020. Jay, as he was affectionately known, was proceeded in death by his daughter Jayme Yvonne Joseph, brother's Herbert, Irvin, and Paul Joseph; in addition his Mother and Father in Law James and Mary Lawson, brother in laws James Jr., Robert, and George Lawson; also, a special niece Sabrina Lawson all of Chicago, IL.

Jay accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at South Shore Bible Baptist Church, Chicago, IL. Jay was united in Holy Matrimony to Yvonne Lawson on August 19, 1988, and to their union were three daughters, the late Jayme Yvonne, Chloe' Amaris, and Hannah Nicole Joseph. During his time in Johnson City, TN, Jay joined Thankful Baptist Church and was a member for 26 years. He was a faithful and dedicated member of the Deacon Ministry (Chairman 3 years), the Mass Choir, Men's Chorus, and Custodian. In February 2018 Jay joined Bethel Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and was an active and faithful member until his passing.

Jay was a caring and compassionate person who would do anything to lend a helping hand. He had this desire to let everyone know how good God was to him in his life and wanted to share it whenever he could. He received his early education in the Chicago Public School System, and the Chicago Culinary

Arts. After High School he served in the United States Army for 6 years. Following his Military service he was employed by the Veterans Affairs Administration (Chicago, IL and Mountain Home, TN) for 34 years in the culinary and food service departments, giving him a combined 40 years of Government Service. Jay has never been a stranger to work, as he started his own lawn service business called JJ's Lawn Service. In retirement, Jay was hired by East Tennessee State University in August 2019 as a Custodian, until his death.

Those that forever cherish Jayneal's memory include a devoted wife Yvonne Lawson Joseph, daughter's Chloe' and Hannah Joseph, parents Herbert Joseph and Joy Williams, brother's Bernard Joseph, Theodore Williams, Adian Williams, Dale (Sonjia) Joseph, sister Shelley (Ester) McCallister; and in laws Eugene (Sadonia) Lawson, Barbara Lawson, Kathleen Wilson, Evelyn (Denard) Moore, Jeanette Coleman, Shirley (Keith) Jones, Herbert Lawson, Karen (Frank) Smith, Michael Lawson, and Juanita (David) Robinson, a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. Bonus family: Rev. Eric, Patrice, Aerika, and Bryce Ramey. Devoted friends: Rev. Vincent Dial, Dr. Randy Huffines, Larry Taylor, Cliff Hudson, Dr. Keith, and Shirley Johnson, Terea Graham, and Sherry Scott.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00pm Friday June 19, 202 at the Mountain Home National Cemetery in Johnson City, TN.

# Previous Events

## Interment

JUN **19**. 1:00 PM - 1:20 PM (ET)

Mountain Home National Cemetery  
53 Memorial Ave  
Mountain Home, TN 37684

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *JJ was a kind and gentle soul. I met him while working at the VA. He mowed my parents yard in Colonial Heights from 2010-2019 after my fathers heart attack. He was the sweetest and kindest man. Prayers for his sweet wife and daughters.*



**Becky Smith** - June 19, 2020 at 08:11 AM



*JJ was a 1st Class Man*

**Allen White** - July 22, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Sandra Sylvers lit a candle in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



**Sandra Sylvers** - June 17, 2020 at 06:25 PM

VS

“ VA Mountain Home SPS purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph.



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**VA Mountain Home SPS** - June 17, 2020 at 04:13 PM

JB

“ One of the kindest and sweetest people I knew at the VA. He will surely be missed

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**jana Buck** - June 17, 2020 at 01:35 PM

TB

“ As a former employee @ VA- Mtn-Home It was with great sadness to read in the mornings paper about "J J's" passing the other day. He ALWAYS greeted everyone he met with such happiness and a genuine caring for whoever he met. Once he did meet you he never forgot ones name. I can remember seeing him leave or coming into work at the ER entrance and was always saying to me, "T byrd-how you doin" I would reply back, "not bad JJ- you have a great day" his reply was ALWAYS;" God is good". To his family and especially Pastor Dial; God has called one of His best into HIS arms. I am in mourning with all of you as well. We all who had a chance to meet this beautiful soul will miss him dearly.

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**TERRY BYRD** - June 17, 2020 at 12:24 PM

GC

“ So sorry Yvonne for your loss. You and the girls will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you guys.

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**Geary and Renee Coles** - June 17, 2020 at 10:07 AM

LC

“ My deepest sympathy for you and the girls. I must say I never seen JJ but what he had a smile and talking and giving praise to our father He will be greatly missed by all but his journey is over and he can rest now in the arms of His Saviour. Love and hugs to you all I pray comfort in the coming days

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**linda copas** - June 16, 2020 at 08:21 PM

ML

“ Heartfelt condolences. Jayneal was one of the nicest people I had the pleasure to work with at VA. He was always so helpful and willing to go the extra mile. It was an honor to know and work with him.

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**Mary Lancaster** - June 16, 2020 at 05:34 PM

SW

“ Sending prayers for the family.



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**Susan Rhea Wagner** - June 16, 2020 at 01:40 PM

VP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Annette Stevenson and family

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**Virginia Pirtle** - June 16, 2020 at 10:29 AM

AJ

“ *Sending prayers and love. Hold and trust God, love you!*  
*Anthony Jones*

Anthony Jones - June 16, 2020 at 07:37 AM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of  
Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



Pauline Douglas - June 15, 2020 at 11:28 PM

Mary  
Rollins

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Benjamin Joseph*



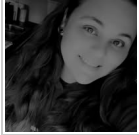
Mary Rollins - June 15, 2020 at 09:57 PM

JC

“ *James And Brenda Charles sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



James And Brenda Charles - June 15, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working along side JJ at the VA. He was truly one-of-a-kind, and will terribly missed. Sending my condolences to his beautiful wife and daughters.



Rebecca Miller - June 15, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ Very sad to to hear JJ has passed. He was always had a bright smile. We shared many good laughs together at the VA, we always greeted each other with "WASUUUP"

Craig Pender - June 15, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ I enjoyed working with JJ at the VA Hospital. Sad to hear of his passing. Prayers extended to his family.



Jessica Hamrick - June 15, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ So sorry for the lost of Jay I remember the mens choir when I taught the song I shall wear a crown and jay led it he really loved that song now hes wearing his crown. Love you Yvonne Chloe and Hannah. Praying for all of you and the family. ROZ



Roslyn Saunders - June 15, 2020 at 12:29 AM

CB

“ *Charles Buford lit a candle in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



Charles Buford - June 14, 2020 at 10:51 PM

TG

“ *Thomas A Graham lit a candle in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



Thomas A Graham - June 14, 2020 at 05:34 PM

CR

“ *Christa Reid lit a candle in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



Christa Reid - June 14, 2020 at 03:00 PM

DM

“ *Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



Darrell & Janice Murphy - June 14, 2020 at 02:54 PM

SD

“ *Such a sweet faithful man. I always enjoyed working with JJ.  
Prayers for his family.* ”

Sharon Dennison - June 14, 2020 at 01:19 PM

LB

“ *Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in  
memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph* ”



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - June 14, 2020 at 08:01 AM

RH

“ *Renea Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Jayneal Benjamin Joseph* ”



Renea Hall - June 13, 2020 at 10:54 PM

KL

“ *Keith & Mary Love sent a virtual gift in memory  
of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph* ”



Keith & Mary Love - June 13, 2020 at 10:13 PM

KL

*I have not spoke to or see Jay in more years than I care to mention but what I do know is that he was always smiling and had kind words for everyone. Rest in heavenly peace my friend.*

**Keith & Mary Love** - June 13, 2020 at 10:20 PM

VP

“ *Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



**Viola Patton** - June 13, 2020 at 09:59 PM

GB

“ *G. L. & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



**G. L. & Trish Bristol** - June 13, 2020 at 05:51 PM

GN

“ *He was my supervisor at the va he was always happy and smiling,we had some great times.our hearts are broken with his passing heaven has received a beautiful angel Go Rest High On That Mountain my friend*

**Glenda Norris** - June 13, 2020 at 12:05 PM

SH

*I will never forget meeting JJ when I first came to the VA in food service. I will never forget him singing as he flipped pancakes and I immediately knew I liked his personality. I later worked with him in SPS. He was a fine man who loved his Lord and his beautiful family. Enjoy heaven JJ. See you soon.*

Sandra Harris - June 15, 2020 at 03:06 PM

CS

“ Always had a smile for everyone. At one time he was my supervisor at the VA. He will be missed.



Carolyn Smith - June 13, 2020 at 11:58 AM

EB

“ Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph



elaine brady - June 13, 2020 at 10:01 AM

DM

“ Debra McCrary sent a virtual gift in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph



Debra McCrary - June 13, 2020 at 08:54 AM

CF

“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



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**Carla Forney** - June 13, 2020 at 06:57 AM

CR

“ *Cheryl Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



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**Cheryl Rhea** - June 12, 2020 at 10:58 PM

CR

*Yvonne, Chloe' and Hannah,*

*Praying for your comfort and peace. We love Jay and know he's now rejoicing with Jesus in that "robe and crown" he loved to sing about! God has allowed him to lay down his burden and now he's shoutin', tellin' his story!*

*We love you,  
Cheryl Rhea and Family*

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**Cheryl Rhea** - June 12, 2020 at 11:16 PM



“ *He was so faithful to visit my aunt while she was in the Nursing home..the stories he'd share was a blessing to me. I am forever thankful.*

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**Barbara Hall** - June 12, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ *Barbara Hall lit a candle in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



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**Barbara Hall** - June 12, 2020 at 09:56 PM

VS

“ *My prayers are with you and the family, Vanessa Stephens*



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**Vanessa Stephens** - June 12, 2020 at 09:54 PM

JP

“ *Janice Phillips lit a candle in memory of Jayneal Benjamin Joseph*



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**Janice Phillips** - June 12, 2020 at 08:31 PM