

"BLESSED ARE THEY WHO DIE IN THE LORD"

**THE REV. JOHN W. JOHNSON, JR.
April 6, 1927 – May 7, 2023**

Ordained: June 23, 1957

Pastor, Calvary, Gary, IN: 1957-1968

Pastor, Redeemer, Jersey City: 1968-1997

Retired: July 1, 1997

The Rev. John W. Johnson, Jr., Retired, entered the Church Triumphant on May 7, 2023, while in hospice care. Visitation will take place on Friday, May 12, 2023, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 910 Marne Highway, Hainesport, NJ 08036, from 10:30 am - 11:30 am followed by a memorial service. Interment will be in the St. Paul Lutheran Church Memorial Garden.

Pastor Johnson, born in Queens, NY, received his Bachelor of Arts from Upsala College, East Orange, and graduated from Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, IL. Forty years of active parish ministry touched the lives of the people in the communities where he served, Calvary, Gary, Indiana, and Redeemer in Jersey City. For a time John served at both Redeemer and Bethany. In his retirement, Pastor Johnson continued to serve as an interim pastor at St. Mark, Pemberton, and was an active member of St. Paul, Hainesport.

John was recognized for being a voice for civil rights and was persistent in seeing that all community residents be registered to vote. His ministry was one of advocacy for inner city congregations and for better mental health resources for those in need.

John is survived by his wife of 70 years Rina, their son Paul and his wife Beryl, son-in-law Eddie, and grandchildren Anders, Joy and Grace. John is predeceased by his daughter Dianne Johannson Adams (1953-2010), and sons J. Carl (1962-2012) and Mark (1960-2022).

