



## Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson

December 13, 1946 - July 22, 2025

Johnny Ray Robinson was born December 13, 1946, to the late Johnnie C. Robinson and Miss Gussie Mae Witcher (Robinson). He grew up a hard-working young man who helped his mother with his siblings. He never forgot his upbringing and visited his family often.

He attended school in Waldo and was a proud Westside Tiger. After graduating in 1966, he held several jobs until he left Arkansas for California where he married the love of his life, Mattie M. Maxfield in 1969. He was a member of the Southside Church of Christ in Los Angeles under the leadership of Dr. Carl C. Baccus, Minister.

Johnny Ray loved music and was always enamored with the thought of meeting his favorite musicians. When he moved to Los Angeles he held several jobs that allowed him to meet the very ones he liked most. He worked for LAX – one of the largest airports in the United States. In 1969 he met Bobby Blue Bland and James Brown. He later worked for The York Club where he met more celebrities like Jackie Wilson, LaWanda Page, Etta James, Junior Walker, and Richard Pryor. He also worked at the 1984 Olympics and met Nadia Comaneci and the great author, Alex Haley. At one point he held the highest-level security clearance in the nation.

In 1968 his first daughter, Jacqueline Robinson-Hull (Anson), was born. Two

years later through his union with Mattie his second daughter Constance Raquel "Connie" Robinson was born. His daughter Jacqueline blessed him with five granddaughters and one grandson: Diama Hull, LaShonda Hull, Arielle Hull, l'esha Hull, Alicia Hull, and Anson Hull, Jr. He would also boast of having over 10 great grandchildren.

Johnny Ray was preceded in death by his father Johnnie Robinson, his mother Gussie Mae Witcher and his oldest daughter Jacqueline Robinson-Hull. Also preceding him in death were several brothers and a sister: Alvin Lee Robinson, Donald Gary Robinson, James Robinson, and Patricia Ann Robinson.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Mattie M. Robinson and his loving daughter, Constance Raquel "Connie" Robinson (James E. McDaniel). His grandchildren: Diama, LaShonda, Arielle, Iesha, Alicia, and Anson, Jr. His Son-in-Law, Anson Hull Sr., six grandchildren and over ten great-grandchildren.

He also leaves his siblings: Billie Jean Willis of Michigan; Willie Robinson and Peggy Ann Robinson of Waldo; Dorothy Murray and Mac Early of Little Rock; Kenneth Witcher (Cornelia) of Georgia; Brenda Witcher and Everick Monk of Texas; Tim Robinson of Waldo, Alisha Witcher-Howell (Donald) of Magnolia; Sharon Robinson of Texarkana, Darryl Witcher of Waldo, and Donald Robinson of Texarkana. Two sisters-in-laws and one brother-in-law; Martha Ann Westbrook and Irene Michelle Smith of Waldo and Harry Lee Carter of El Dorado; He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, friends, classmates, and loved ones.

Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, August 9th, 2025, at Westside Church of Christ in Waldo, Arkansas at 12:00 p.m., with burial to follow at Watts Cemetery in Waldo, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral

Home LLC. Bro. Donald Howell, Pastor/Officiant. Bro. Juerga Smith, Eulogist.

A visitation will be Friday {Aug. 8th} from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.”

# Cemetery Details

## Watts Cemetery

Nevada 8  
Waldo, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home  
100 Hwy 79 North  
Magnolia, AR 71753  
(870) 901-3536

## Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

Westside Church of Christ  
201 South Adair St  
Waldo, AR 71770

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**Carolyn Briggs** - August 10, 2025 at 02:40 PM

DS

“ *Delcomber sisters purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson.*



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**Delcomber sisters** - August 08, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ *Condolences to the family of Johnny Ray For Wyatt & Dianne Williamson 🙏*



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**Dianne Williamson** - August 06, 2025 at 09:07 AM

MS

“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson and friends*



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**Margie Chappel Standoak** - August 05, 2025 at 11:34 PM

MS

“ Maurice Strong sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



Maurice Strong - August 05, 2025 at 08:31 PM

SF

“ Sherrie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



Sherrie Ferguson - August 05, 2025 at 07:11 PM

DY

“ Delois Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



Delois Young - August 05, 2025 at 02:31 PM

NM

“ Niece Carmen Moore purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson.



Niece Carmen Moore - August 05, 2025 at 12:17 PM

BF

“ *Billie Wills ( #1 ) and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson.*



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**Billie Wills ( #1 ) and family** - August 05, 2025 at 09:32 AM

BF

“ *Billie Wills ( #1 ) and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson.*

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**Billie Wills ( #1 ) and family** - August 05, 2025 at 09:32 AM

TM

“ *Tumoqua K Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**Tumoqua K Murray** - August 04, 2025 at 11:36 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Page lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**Sandra Page** - August 02, 2025 at 12:51 PM

DG

“ *Delma Gantt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



Delma Gantt - August 02, 2025 at 12:38 PM

AH

“ *Johnny Ray was baptized at an early age at the Westside Church of Christ. Later a proud member of the Southside Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California.*

Alisha Howell - August 02, 2025 at 12:19 AM

GW

*Our condolences to the family.*

Guy & Beverly Wade - August 03, 2025 at 03:38 PM

LJ

“ *Lena Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



Lena Jones - August 01, 2025 at 10:41 AM

CL

“ *My condolences to the family. I pray for your strength and comfort to get through your loss.*

Cynthia Laster - July 31, 2025 at 11:26 PM

DS

“ *My brother johnnie Ray or #2 will be missed I remember how we ride stick horses pretending we were cowboys and the back door was the saloon we would drink pickle juice for alcohol*

**Dorothy Murray sister** - July 31, 2025 at 06:52 PM

SM

“ *Shawn Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



**Shawn Moore** - July 31, 2025 at 06:43 PM

TS

“ *Uncle Johnny Ray, you will Definitely be missed. You have Inspired so many people with your determination and tenacity.*



**Tamizene Smith** - July 31, 2025 at 06:40 PM

BW

“ *Billie Wills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



**Billie Wills** - July 31, 2025 at 06:32 PM

AW

“ Sending sincere love, hugs, prayers, sympathies, and condolences to my family. I will continue lifting everyone up in prayer.  
*Annie Witcher*



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**Annie Witcher** - July 31, 2025 at 12:14 PM

WG

“ Wanda Lambert Goodner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



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**Wanda Lambert Goodner** - July 30, 2025 at 07:21 PM

BS

“ Betty Sims lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



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**betty sims** - July 30, 2025 at 07:32 AM

LF

“ Linda Fantroy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



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**Linda Fantroy** - July 29, 2025 at 09:47 PM

LF

*My deepest condolences to the family*

**Linda Fantroy** - July 29, 2025 at 09:48 PM

HJ

“ *My condolences to the Robinson family.*

**Hellen Jones** - July 29, 2025 at 05:19 PM

LS

“ *Prayers and Condolences for the families of Mr. Johnny R. Robinson*



**Laverne Shaw** - July 28, 2025 at 06:42 PM

VT

“ *Prayers and condolences to Mattie, daughter and family In the passing of your loved one.*

*Vacie Berry Thomas*



**Vacie Berry Thomas** - July 27, 2025 at 02:35 PM

HF

“ *Hazel Mask Smith & Famy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



**Hazel Mask Smith & Famy** - July 26, 2025 at 07:56 PM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**Mary S. Pickings** - July 26, 2025 at 05:55 PM

OR

“ *Ora Radford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**Ora radford** - July 25, 2025 at 11:56 PM

TM

“ *Hey Uncle Johnny Ray, I know you're watching from above. As my memory recall, you was always that straightforward person, who was the voice of reasoning. Im regret that we didn't spend much time together, but hopefully, we can both see each other in Heaven, next to God. May you Rest in Peace. Amen.*

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**Tumoqua K. Murray** - July 25, 2025 at 06:35 PM

HJ

“ *To the Robinson family  
My sincere condolences to you all.*

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**Hellen Jones** - July 25, 2025 at 02:32 AM

BE

*My condolences to the Robinson family 🙏*

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**BettyJohnson** - August 02, 2025 at 04:23 PM

BE

*My deepest sympathy to the family.*

**BettyJohnson** - August 02, 2025 at 04:25 PM

AW

“ *Johnny Ray and his beautiful wife, Mattie. Love you sister. Thank you for being his other half.*



**Alisha Witcher-Howell** - July 24, 2025 at 07:29 PM

AW

*Just like mother said, T-O-G-E-T-H-E-R*

**Alisha Witcher-Howell** - July 24, 2025 at 07:31 PM

SC

*Awwe.. Cousin we're gonna miss Johnny Ray. Praying for his Wife & family. We Love You'll so much Cousin.*

**Sharon Cole** - August 01, 2025 at 05:15 AM

CW

*My Sincere Condolences for the family, Johnny Ray you will be missed, I am so happy that you were part of my life, praying for Mattie and Connie ..*

**Carrie Ware** - August 08, 2025 at 05:38 PM

DM

“ Dorothy Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



Dorothy Murray - July 24, 2025 at 07:27 PM

AW

“ Alisha Witcher-Howell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



Alisha Witcher-Howell - July 24, 2025 at 07:27 PM

AW

“ My oldest brother was the strongest man I know. But he was also kind hearted and giving. He didn't show much emotion but he loved and cared for so many people. He took care of us when mother was working. We miss him terribly.

Alisha Witcher-Howell - July 24, 2025 at 07:23 PM

LF

“ Lyndell Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



Lyndell Franklin - July 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM

WG

“ Wanda Lambert Goodner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



Wanda Lambert Goodner - July 24, 2025 at 01:18 PM

WG

“ Wanda Lambert Goodner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



Wanda Lambert Goodner - July 24, 2025 at 01:18 PM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



Dearlean Hughes - July 24, 2025 at 12:11 PM

HP

“ Hal PREVOE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson



Hal PREVOE - July 24, 2025 at 09:03 AM

TJ

“ *My condolences to the Witcher and Robinson family!* ”



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**Tracy Jackson-Doss** - July 24, 2025 at 01:01 AM

JM

“ *Jake And Jennie Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson* ”



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**Jake and Jennie Martin** - July 23, 2025 at 11:06 PM

DL

“ *Doris Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson* ”



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**Doris Lindsey** - July 23, 2025 at 10:39 PM

AS

“ *Alfredia Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson* ”



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**Alfredia Smith** - July 23, 2025 at 10:20 PM

MM

“ *Melvin Madison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**Melvin Madison** - July 23, 2025 at 09:46 PM

PS

“ *To: the family of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson:  
Y'all have my deepest sympathy & sending  
My Condolences!!*



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**Pamela Shaw** - July 23, 2025 at 08:38 PM

IR

“ *IreneSmith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**IreneSmith** - July 23, 2025 at 05:57 PM

TE

“ *Tearee Easter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**Tearee Easter** - July 23, 2025 at 04:47 PM

RF

“ *Ramona Fears sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**Ramona Fears** - July 23, 2025 at 04:30 PM

RF

“ *Ramona Fears lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**Ramona Fears** - July 23, 2025 at 04:30 PM

VC

“ *Velma Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**Velma Cole** - July 23, 2025 at 04:16 PM

SC

“ *Sharon Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



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**Sharon Cole** - July 23, 2025 at 04:06 PM

RM

“ *My condolences to his family and friends.*



Regina McCray-Henderson - July 23, 2025 at 02:10 PM

LF

“ *Lyndell Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



Lyndell Franklin - July 23, 2025 at 11:22 AM

CD

“ *Carla Dockery-Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Johnny Ray Robinson*



Carla Dockery-Sanders - July 23, 2025 at 11:06 AM

MW

*Sending comfort and strength to the family for my dear classmate.*

Margie carter walls - July 23, 2025 at 01:51 PM

DM

*To my brother Johnnie Ray Robinson GOD gave you to us for 78 years then he took you back. I'm gonna miss you but you are with our father who will take good care of you.*

Dorothy Murray - July 25, 2025 at 06:21 PM

DK

*I send ❤️ and lots of prayer to the family of Johnny Ray Robinson. He was always a kind, caring and respectful gentleman. Always know that grief is the price we pay when we lose someone we love. He will be missed. Keep on SOARING Johnny Ray.*

*Sisterly ❤️ to all of your Family and Friends, Deloris King  
Class of 1965*

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**Deloris King** - August 06, 2025 at 09:59 AM