

In Loving Memory of  
**John S. Lee**



*October 30, 1940 - August 10, 2014*

*Monday, August 18, 2014 - 12:00 Noon*

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**

144 Norman Street  
Orange, New Jersey

*The Reverend Dwight D. Gill  
Myron Smith, Organist*

## Obituary

**John Scott Lee** was born on October 30, 1940 in Brooklyn, New York to the late John Clifton and Martha Scott Lee. At a young age, the family relocated to East Orange, New Jersey where John was educated in the public school system, graduating from East Orange High School in 1958.

John began his long career at Woody "Home for Services" in 1954 while still in high school. He dedicated his life to serving the families of the community with professionalism, giving their loved ones the respect and dignity they deserved. John was ultimately appointed Manager of Woody's, a position he held and cherished right up to his passing.

On February 20, 1962, John enlisted in the United States Navy where he worked as a Signalman on the attack cargo ship USS Tulare. He toured the world during the Vietnam War and courageously participated in the Bay of Pigs Invasion. John transferred to reserve duty in 1966 and returned to Woody "Home for Services" before being honorably discharged on February 19, 1968.

On December 28, 1963, during his Naval career, John married his high school friend, Helena Thatcher, formerly of Orange, New Jersey. To this union, two children were born; Tara Jocinta on March 24, 1967 and John II on February 14, 1979.

John graduated from the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service in March 1976, becoming a licensed funeral director in the State of New Jersey. Those close to him know he was always proud of his license number, 3246.

Service to the community was very important to John and throughout his life, he was a member of various professional and civic organizations. He was Past President of the Garden State Funeral Directors Association, where he also served as Chairman of the Annual Golf Classic, a member of the National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association and a member of Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Chapter. John was also on the Board of Directors at Community Day Nursery and a founding member of the Golconda Shrine Youth Group Mounted Patrol, just to name a few.

Fraternal organizations were also a large part of his life and he was an active member of Bethel Lodge #10, where he held the title of Past Master, Bethlehem Chapter #41 as Past Patron, Sardonias Consistory #41 as Sublime Prince Most Wise and Golconda Temple #24 as Past Potentate.

John enjoyed listening to jazz, he regularly attended Bethany Baptist Church's Jazz Vespers and attended the jazz concerts yearly, in Cape May, NJ.

John leaves behind to cherish his distinguished memory: his wife, Helena of Hackettstown, New Jersey, daughter, Tara (Richard Ertel), both of Seattle, Washington, son, John II of London, England, sister, Elaine Jeffries (Jesse) of East Orange, New Jersey, devoted friend, Katherine Bragg of Somerset, New Jersey, sisters-in-law, Frances Thatcher of Manson, North Carolina and Elizabeth Bonds of Orange, New Jersey, brother-in-law, Thomas Thatcher (Kathy) of Hackettstown, New Jersey, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, goddaughters and of course his extended family at Woody "Home for Services".



# Order of Service

Prelude

The Processional

Musical Selection.....“Why Should I Feel Discouraged”

Prayer of Comfort

Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23.....Evangelist Estelle Smart

New Testament - John 14:1-6.....Charles Castiglione

Musical Selection.....“If It Had Not Been For The Lord On My Side”  
Tyrone Dunlap

Acknowledgements/Remarks.....Three Minutes, Please

Reading of Obituary.....Dr. Edith C. Churchman

Musical Selection.....“One Day At A Time”  
Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Dwight D. Gill, Pastor

Benediction

Recessional.....“Soon And Very Soon”

**Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey



In peace I will be down and sleep, for you alone, O LORD,  
will keep me safe.

**Psalm 4:8**

You have allowed me to suffer much hardship, but you will restore  
me to life again and lift me up from the depths of the earth. You  
will restore me to even greater honor and comfort me once again.

**Psalm 11: 20-21**

God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort.

**Matthew 5:4**

## **Acknowledgements**

*Grateful for the richness of his life.*

*The kindness of his heart and the love of his friends.*

*The family of **John S. Lee** thanks you for all the compassion  
and concern shown to us during his illness. May the Good Lord,  
who has welcomed **John S. Lee** bless you and your family.*

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