

Celebrating the Life of



John B. Watts

Sunrise
August 8, 1938

Sunset
August 21, 2014

Service

Saturday, August 30, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Abundant Life Church of God

632 Colts Neck Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Pastor Chris Fraley, Officiating

John B. Watts

August 8, 1938 to August 21, 2014

John B. Watts was the first of nine children born to HW and Mary Eliza Watts on August 8, 1938 in De Soto, Georgia. At the age of three years, the family moved to Detroit, Michigan where he grew up and attended school. John attended Duffield Elementary School and Miller High School, graduating in 1957. He attended the Detroit Institute of Technology and in 1959, earned a degree in Electrical Engineering.

After graduating college, he married his wife of fifty-five years, Marilyn Louise Stafford. He began his employment with RCA. He worked on the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, stationed in Thule, Greenland.

After the project in Thule, RCA relocated John and his family to Middlesex, New Jersey. He worked several years for RCA and Lockheed before changing careers. His aspiration was to become self-employed. He pursued a career in insurance. John later earned the designation of Certified Financial Planner, CFP. He maintained a successful business for over forty years.

John, being business savvy, made a strategic decision to partner with World Market Allianz, (WMA) a successful insurance franchise. He managed 200 employees, who respected and loved him. He had a presence that made you want to listen whenever he presented to either employees or potential clients. He was an inspiration and a role model for his children. They adored and idolized him.

John received many professional awards and citations. Among these were; WMA Senior Marketing Director, The European Cruise award, The Empire Team MVP Award, Transamerica, Top 20 Agency Builder Award, American Skandia Outstanding Service Award, and the Allianz Masters Forum Gold Club Producer, Outstanding Achievement Award. This is only to name few.

He loved the comradery with the guys, from the regular Saturday playground basketball games, the Brothers team, bowling league to the 3 miles jogging sessions with his friend. His belief was "A healthy body and a healthy mind" was essential to a long and healthy life.

John was a member of the UBFFT, The United Black Families of Freehold Township and the NAACP.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Watts; four children, Michael Watts, Michele Reeves, Janine Watts and Jermel Watts; nine grandchildren, Loboris Ross, Sydel Reeves, Rasidne Reeves, Nathaniel Watts, Debra Foster, Tyler Watts, Christopher Foster, Anthony Foster, and Venece Watts; one great grandchild, RYANNE REEVES. He is also survived by two daughters-in-law, Barbara Watts and Deena Foster; three brothers, Willie Watts, Ralph Watts, and George Watts; four sisters, Katie Gorman, Rose Tolbert, Virginia Watts, and Towanda Johnson; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is predeceased by one sister, Linda Watts.

He was taken away so suddenly, and will be missed dearly. His legacy will live on through his children, grandchildren, and future posterity.

Sorrowfully submitted,
The family

Order of Service

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Musical Prelude

Invocation Pastor Chris Fraley

Scripture Reading Pastor Chris Fraley
Psalm 23

Musical Selection Twyla Franco

Obituary Willie Hutcherson

Tributes/Reflection (2 minutes please) Michele Reeves
Michael Watts
Family & Friends

Spiritual Message Pastor Don Franco

Benediction Pastor Chris Fraley

Interment

Graceland Memorial Cemetery
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Repast

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632 Colts Neck Road
Freehold, NJ 07728*

"For you daddy, I love you"

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To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

-Author unknown

Pallbearers

Nathaniel Watts	Loboris Ross
Sydel Reeves	Tyler Watts
Roderick Shaeffer	Jesse White

Acknowledgement

*The family of **John B. Watts** acknowledges, with our deepest appreciation, every thought and act of kindness expressed during this difficult time. Your kind words, telephone calls, and other displays of caring have been a great source of comfort. Please keep us in your prayers, as we are praying God's richest blessing for each of you.*

Funeral Arrangements

Higgins Memorial Home

20 Center Street • Freehold, NJ 07728



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