

*Celebrating The Life and Honoring
The Memory of*



John Edward Massenburg

Sunrise

April 9, 1957

Sunset

January 12, 2015

Service

Saturday, January 17, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

Perry Funeral Home

34 Mercer Street • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Reverend Jason Guice, Officiating

Timothy Rawls, Organist

Obituary

John Edward Massenburg was born on April 9, 1957 in Oxford, North Carolina to the late Rebecca Massenburg-Nutter and Burt White.

John was educated in the Oxford, North Carolina school system. He honorably served his country for ten years as member of the United States National Guard from 1975-1985. He moved to Newark, New Jersey in 1977 where he met the love of his life Sheila Nero. They were married in 1986.

John was a truck driver for many years before retiring in 2000. An outgoing and caring person, he loved to spend quality time with family and friends. John enjoyed traveling and going to church. He was a loving husband, brother, uncle, friend, neighbor and father figure to many. Affectionately known as “Bird” to some or “Boo Boo” to others, John was best known for his great big personality and hearty laugh.

John was preceded in death by his brothers, Gerald Massenburg and Stephon Henderson; sister, Lidia Henderson; father, Burt White and mother, Rebecca Massenburg-Nutter.

John leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife, Sheila; sisters and brothers, Bettie Henderson, Roscoe Henderson Jr. (Tammy), John Henderson, Shannon Sinclair (Tariq); and brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law, Eron Nero, Albertus McCloud, Linda Nero, Lillian Rovira, Robin Nero and Guerda Henderson. John will also be forever remembered by a grand host of nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Organist

Opening Prayer

Pastor Wallace Arrington

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Guerda Henderson

New Testament - Roscoe Henderson

Poem

Shannon Sinclair

Selection

Remarks and Reflections

(2 minutes each, please)

Acknowledgments and Obituary

Bernadette Douglas

Eulogy

Reverend Jason Guice

Final Viewing

Recessional

~Interment~

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

~Repast~

Boylan Street Recreation Center

916 South Orange Avenue

Newark, NJ 07106

Section 4

To My Dear Husband

I Only Wanted You

*They say memories are golden
well maybe that is true.
I never wanted memories,
I only wanted you.
A million times I needed you,
a million times I've cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place
no one can ever fill.
If tears could build a stairway
and heartache make a lane,
I'd walk the path to heaven,
to bring you back again.
Our time on Earth has ended,
and nothing seems the same.
But when God calls me to be with you,
Our love will live again.
(Author Unknown)*

*-Always and forever,
Sheila Massenburg*

Acknowledgements

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