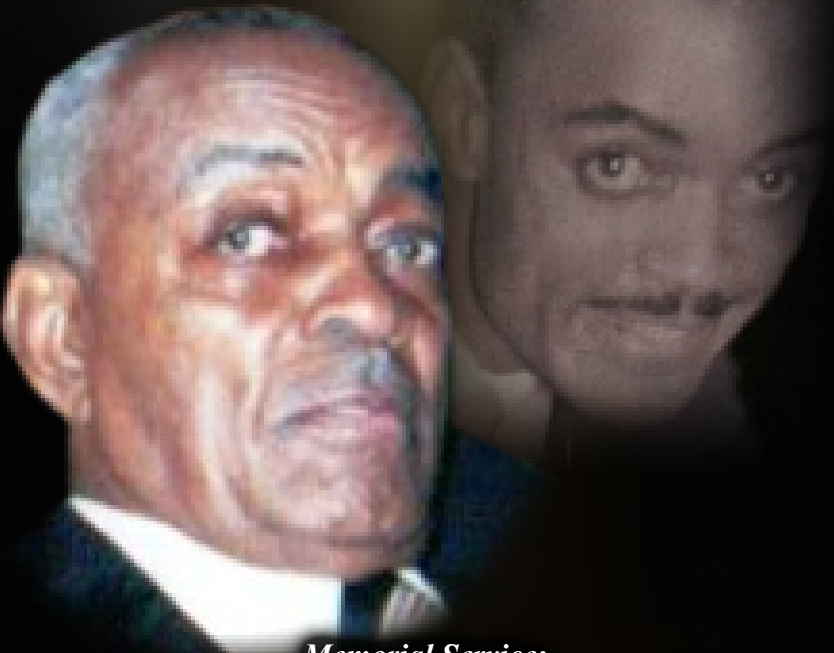


In Loving Memory of

# John Will Flakes, Sr.

Sunrise  
October 22, 1924

Sunset  
July 31, 2015

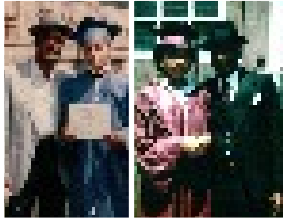


*Memorial Service:*  
*Sunday, August 9, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.*

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# Obituary

## Precious Memories



**John H. Flakes** was born in Newark, NJ on October 22, 1924 to Essie May Reese and Will Flakes. He passed away peacefully on Friday, July 31, 2015.

John moved with his family at a very young age to Dothan, AL, where he worked on his grandparents farm and went to school. He later returned to Newark, NJ where he resided and worked as a Driver for Nissan Corporation for five years. He then worked as a Security Guard at the Colonnade Building in Newark for seventeen years. He later worked with Protected Services Company as a Security Officer for fourteen years where he retired in 2001. He was truly an avid worker. *(There's seven days in a week he worked nine days.)*

John loved his family and his siblings. He would take time out, to visit his sisters and brothers every first day of the new year. He would be the first at Big Momma's House. He loved talking mess and had his own way of saying things that were so funny. He had a cool sense of style and dress.

There are so many moments and memories of John, that we can say, but most of all he was a loving father that we will miss forever.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Alice Flakes; two brothers, Melvin and Luti Parker; one sister, Mattie Flakes; children, daughters, Leslie Flakes Velez and Sydney Flakes, son, John Flakes, Jr.; sons-in-law, Charlie Velez and George Foster-Bey; daughters-in-law, Colleen Foster-Bey and Terry Flakes; grandchildren, Rakeeb, Rahman, Mahmoud, Colin, Almid, Amiah, Amir, Gabrielle, Simone and Christopher; great grandson, Seni; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

John was preceded in death by his daughters, Alisa Marie Flakes and Zakiyah Abdullah; siblings, Versie Slaughter, Sam Flakes, Willie McClain and Princess Flakes.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

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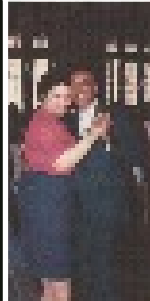
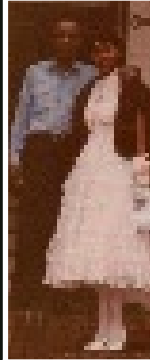
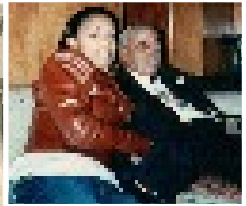
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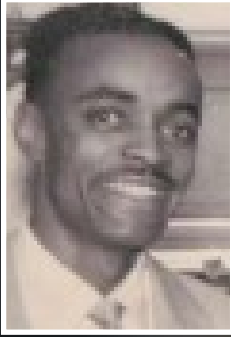
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## Precious Memories





# A Measure of A Man



*Not - How did he die?*

*But - How did he live?*

*Not - What did he gain?*

*But - What did he give?*

*These are the things*

*that measure the worth*

*Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.*

*Not - What was his station? But - had he a heart?*

*And - How did he play his God-given part?*

*Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer?*

*To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?*

*Not - What was his church?*

*Not - What was his creed?*

*But - Had he befriended those really in need?*

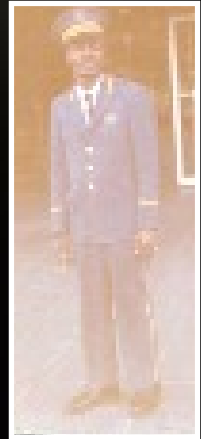
*Not - What did the sketch  
in the newspaper say?*

*But - How many were sorry  
when he passed away?*

*These are the things  
that measure the worth*

*Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.*

*Author: Anonymous*



## Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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