

In Loving Memory of



John Joseph Alexander

Sunrise: December 1, 1941

Sunset: January 14, 2019

Service

Wednesday, January 30, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

65 West 138th Street • New York, NY 10037

Obituary

John Joseph Alexander was born December 1, 1941 in New York City. He was the son of Joseph and Ivy Alexander. He had two older sisters, Charlotte Alexander and Ellen Reynolds and one brother, William Robinson.

He attended Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic School in Harlem. He graduated from Fashion Industries High School, and attended Shaw University. John was an excellent athlete in high school and college known as an outstanding basketball player. He was thereafter an avid New York City sports fan.

John met and married Harriet Alexander and through that union, their son Gary Alexander was born. Although the union did not continue, they continued to raise their son Gary Alexander together. He served two years in the military from 1967-1969. John graduated from New York City Community College with a degree in Graphic Arts and Advertising. In addition, He earned a diploma and certificate in Real Estate from New York University.

John was employed with Equitable Life Assurance Society from 1977 until his retirement in 1998. He was a consultant in retirement planning with extensive knowledge of pensions deferred annuities and 401 K plans. During his career with Equitable he helped many clients achieve their retirement and financial goals.

John's spirit and caring nature led him to continually work to improve his community and church. He served on the advisory of the Frederick Douglas Children's Aide.

He sharpened his cooking skills by volunteering at Abyssinian Baptist Church kitchen for their Sunday Brunches for two years. As a long time member of St. Mark, John was involved with the Men Of Commitment, Usher Board, Food Pantry, Management of The Bishops Perry/Moore Hall Rentals, Office Management, Parish Council and Deanery Council. His service to his church and his joking personality will be greatly missed.

John passed away on January 14, 2019. He is survived by his son, Gary Alexander, and sister, Charlotte Alexander. He is also survived by his partner of 14 years, Gloria Jones, his three adopted grandchildren, Sean, Chloe, and Miles, a niece, Rene Reynolds and nephews, Kevin Alexander, Peter Robinson, Alfred Cyril Robinson, and sister-in-law, Anne Robinson.

Order of Mass

Entrance Hymn When We All Get To Heaven

Blessing of the Body

Closing of the Casket

Placing of the Pall

Opening Prayer

Liturgy Of The Word

1st Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Responsorial Psalm The Lord is My Life

2nd Reading Revelation 14:13

Alleluia

Gospel John 14:1-6

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy Of The Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts Lead Me, Guide Me

Holy, Holy

Consecration

Great Amen

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion Do This In Remembrance of Me

Closing Prayer

Enrollment Book of the Saints and Ancestors Amazing Grace

Final Commendation

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional Hymn I'll Fly Away

Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York*

Remember Me

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*Speak of me as you have always done.
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.
Share the happy memories we've made.
Do not let them wither or fade.
I'll be with you in the summer's sun
And when the winter's chill has come.
I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.
I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.
Sometimes our final days may be a test,
But remember me when I was at my best.
Although things may not be the same,
Don't be afraid to use my name.
Let your sorrow last for just a while.
Comfort each other and try to smile.
I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become.*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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