

A Celebration of Life



John Willis Rountree, II

Our Joy & Happiness: February 10, 1942

His Glory & Victory: November 22, 2019

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith; Finally, there is laid up for me the Crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will give me on that day.” – 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Funeral Service

Monday, December 2, 2019 – 5:00 PM

Good Neighbor Baptist Church

100 Chancellor Avenue, Newark, NJ 07112

Rev. Louise Scott-Rountree, Officiating

Rev. Dr. George Blackwell, III, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Malachi D. Rountree, Founder

Obituary

John Willis Rountree II was the son of the late Deacon Moses Grover Rountree and the late Geruth Wilson Rountree. He was born February 10, 1942 in Newark, New Jersey. He departed this life Friday, November 22, 2019.

John was baptized at an early age at the Zion Hill Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey and later he joined the Good Neighbor Baptist Church in 1971 and became a Trustee Board member.

John attended Charlton Street Elementary and Weequahic High Schools in Newark, New Jersey and completed 4 years at Michigan State University majored in Zoology with honors and later enrolled at Howard University Medical School not completed; Uncle Sam in May 17, 1966 inducted him, to clean toilets; departure May 16, 1968 and in the same year he married Ollie.

John in 1970 joined Good Neighbor Baptist Church work with the Founder's Council members and Pastor Dr. Malachi D. Rountree to build and established a Good Neighbor 501©3, Pre-School Programs, purchased Good Neighbor First Church Van, established (WJR) Wilson, Johnson and Rountree Investment Project, New Jersey Chartered Good Neighbor Pre-Legal Aide Project, Good Neighbor Companion Program, Good Neighbor Food Pantry, Good Neighbor Clothing Pantry Good Neighbor Love Gift Program, Good Neighbor Housing, Education Employment, Political Action and Homeless Task Forces and help to established the Good Neighbor Rahway Prison Escort Program.

John was a Lab Technician at the Veteran Hospital in East Orange where he met and married Mary Skipwith in 1982 and to this union one child was born, Autumn Rountree. He later became a Lab Technician at the Army Base Hospital, Wrihsttown, New Jersey and the Hamilton Hospital, Hamilton, New Jersey. He later moved to Winter Park, Florida and in 1992 he relocated back to Newark, New Jersey.

John suffered with a stroke and was housed at Plaza Health Care & Rehabilitation Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey. His brother and sister-in-law took him in 2007 for better care.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Autumn Joy Rountree; two grandchildren, Austin and Johnathan Rountree, Moorestown, NJ, one brother, Rev. Dr. Malachi (Evelyn); West Orange, NJ; one sister-in-law, Louise Rountree, Newark, NJ, one nephew; Malachi (Karisa) Louisville, KY; nieces, Rev. Louise Scott-Rountree, Newark, NJ, Adrienne Jackson (DJ) Newark, NJ, Tisa Young (Carlton) Newark, NJ, Phyllistine Sheppard-Jah, Accokeek, MD; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Invocation.....Rev. Louise Scott-Rountree
Good Neighbor Baptist Church, Newark NJ

Scripture Readings.....Dr. Delois Crawford
Christ Church, Montclair, NJ

Old Testament – Psalm 90

New Testament – 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Solo.....Sister Betty Davis
Good Neighbor Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Lee Roy Jefferson, Pastor
Second Baptist Church, Belleville, NJ

Acknowledgments & Remarks.....Bernadine Byrd, Pastor
Royal Priesthood Church of God, Newark, NJ
Rev. Dr. Malachi Rountree, Pastor
God Ecumenical Church, Newark, NJ

Reading of the Obituary.....Rev. Louise Scott-Rountree
Good Neighbor Baptist Church, Newark NJ

Solo.....Rev. Felicia Evans, Pastor
Work the Work Ministries, Newark, NJ

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. George Blackwell, III, Pastor
Good Neighbor Baptist Church, Newark NJ

Benediction.....Rev. Dr. George Blackwell, III, Pastor
Good Neighbor Baptist Church, Newark NJ

Recessional.....Clergy & Family

Committal & Final Resting Place

Thursday, December 5, 2019

Brigadier Williams C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call:

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found my place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow:
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.

- Author Unknown

Acknowledgement

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kindness show to us at this time.

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