

In Loving Memory of
Deacon John L. Murray, Jr.

Sunrise
October 30, 1939

Sunset
February 25, 2020



Service

Thursday, March 5, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Arnold Fox, Officiating

Obituary

John Lester Murray departed this life peacefully on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at his home, 104 N. Spruce Ave., Highland Springs, Virginia.

He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on October 30, 1939. The son of the late John Murray and Daisy May Murray.

John attended the public schools of Birmingham City. He graduated from Wenonah High School in 1961.

He worked for the New Jersey Department of Military Veteran Affairs for 40 years.

He had 11 siblings Willie Murray (Alice), Lucinda Michell (Frank), Juanita Murray, Shirley Ann Chapman, Ada Jean Stewart, Parthenia Smith, Roxane Murry, Bertha Murry, Carl Murry, Mark Murry, and Doris Hunter.

Preceded in death by Daisy May Murray (mother) and John Murray (father), Stephanie Murray (daughter), Ada Jean Stewart (sister), and Mark Murray (brother).

John leaves to cherish to his memory: wife, Katherene Murray of Virginia; three sons, John Murray III (Sheronda) of North Carolina, Shawn Dawson of New Jersey, and Jamal Murray of Georgia; two daughters, Janice Murray of New Jersey, and Shawn Murray-Sims (Derrick) of New Jersey; sister-in-law, Hattie McPleasant and two brothers-in-law, Paul McPleasant (Geraldine) and Timothy McPleasant. He has 9 grandkids and 10 great grandkids and a host of other relatives and friend.

-- "It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it."

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, 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 that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time 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

The family of **Deacon John L. Murray, Jr.** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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