

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding	Pastor Carl Green
Hymn of Comfort	
Scripture Readings	Reverend Marvin Johnson
Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4
New Testament	John 14: 1-4, 27
Prayer	Deacon Elmer McBurrows
Selection	Dorothy McBurrows
Acknowledgements & Obituary Reading	Benita Wilson
Selection	Rev. Anita Bethea
Eulogy	Rev. Joe Bethea
Benediction	
Recessional	



Repass following service at
Greater Little Rock Baptist Church
162 Dayton St Ste 164, Newark, NJ 07114

Interment:
Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery
Friday, December 30, 2022 ~ 10:00am

*You will be missed but never forgotten.
You have captured a place in our hearts.*

A LETTER TO MY DAD

I can't say that I welcomed you with open arms when Roz first brought you home. I wasn't a fan of yours when you came into our lives. Roz laughs & tells me I called you old. Over the years you grew to be one of my biggest supporters. You always told me I could do anything & I believed you.

I saw the way you loved my mother & the happiness in her eyes. There was never a day when I couldn't feel the love between you. I am so grateful that the crazy post office brought you both together. I often laughed at the two of you, asking how could you live & work with each other. Every night & every day. I figured one day someone would get sick of the other but instead, your love grew. Your love was just like your wedding song stated, "So Amazing."

For fifteen years I sat with you through each & every ER visit, procedure, surgery, & rehab stay. I sat & studied for my nursing boards while you were having heart surgery. I held both Roz's & your hands through the kidney transplant. Never had I seen such an act of love & bravery. Although I didn't think I was going to make it that day, you both did amazingly well. Twelve years later that kidney was still helping sustain your life.

With each procedure, your eyes would light up when I walked into the room. I fought hard for you, no one was going to give you any care that was less than the best. Receiving calls from the department heads & even the CEO of Beth Israel Hospital, the people taking care of my dad were going to do the right thing. I had to show up for you as you had shown up for me. You are the strongest man I know. Leaning heavily on your faith you taught me that the Lord's grace & mercy would see us through. I believe this with my whole heart he's never failed me yet.

During your final act of living, you went out of here your own way, and you never complained. I watched you take your last breath. Finally, you were rewarded with your heavenly home, a mansion somewhere in glory.

Don't worry about your girl, Roz. I'll keep her busy with lots of fun things. We'll continue your park picnic dates and weekend trips that you guys loved. Thanks for sharing so much love with us all. You have a heart of gold. Because of you, I know what a father & husband is supposed to look like.

Thank you for loving us.

Nichole

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DEACON JOHN SABB JR. March 2, 1949 – December 20, 2022



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022 - 4:00 PM
Cotton Funeral Service
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Deacon John Sabb Jr. of Newark went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. He was 73 years of age.

Legacy

The Lord blessed John in many ways but there were two ways that stood out to all that knew him. He had great love and compassion for everyone he met. He also had a voice that could light up a room. Those two things coupled with his warm smile, and his passion for the word of God, led him to his ministry as a deacon. He truly loved serving God through service and song. John was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church Men's Choir and Senior Chorus for several years under the directorship of Evangelist Anita Bethea.

A higher calling led John to study and become an ordained deacon at Shiloh Baptist Church. His life would never be the same after that point. As a ministry of love and compassion, John, through the word of God, enjoyed serving the needs of the sick and elderly for years at Park Crest Nursing Home. John cherished his duties as a deacon. He truly had a passion for working with the elderly, sick, and homebound, who often became very close friends with him. He would often be found visiting the hospital or bringing communion to the sick and shut-in.

Born in Georgetown, South Carolina, John ventured to New Jersey with his family at the age of 11. John started from humble beginnings. He graduated from Central High School in 1969. He served in the United States Army and was awarded a National Defense Service Medal as an Expert Sharpshooter. He also shared his love for food as a cook in the Army. John worked for the United States Postal Service for 36 years before retiring as the maintenance supervisor at Newark Main. To this day when people speak about John working at the post office, they mention how beautifully shellacked the floors were in the main lobby.

In addition to being completely devoted to his beloved wife, Roslyn, of 27 years, John loved to hang out with his family, shoot pool, play dominos, bid whist, and cooking. There were many family gatherings at 95 Melville Place that included some of his favorite dishes: macaroni and cheese, chicken and dumplings, sweet potato pies, and bread pudding.

Predeceased by his parents John and Dorothy Mae Sabb, sister, Patricia Emmanuel and brothers: Luther "B.C." Sabb and Rashid Sabur. John leaves to his memory wife, Roslyn Sabb, siblings: Clarence Ellis, Joyce Sabb, Johnnie Mae Wright, Almetta Sabb, Pearl Sabb, Delores Davis (Roger), George Sabb, Mary Weathers (Tim), three sons: Andre Sabb, Tyrone Sabb, Jerome Rowe and two daughters: Nichole Rowe and Patrice Sabb, six grandchildren: Ayaana, Adiyya, Andre, Asmar, Aniyah-Chase, and Destiny; and a host of extended family members and close friends. A special thank you to caregiver Lizza.



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The family wishes to thank everyone for their support and kindness during this time of sorrow and grief.

