

*Celebrating*

the *Life* and *Memory* of



*John Hamilton, Sr.*

*May 10, 1957 - April 21, 2021*

*Saturday, May 1, 2021 - 11:00A.M.*

*Graveside Service - Oak Grove Cemetery*

*3321 Skidaway Rd., Savannah, GA 31404*

*Pastor Clarence Kinlaw, Jr., Presiding*

*Minister Lori Blige, Eulogist*



# Reflections of Life

*To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under the heavens.”  
Ecclesiastes 3:1...*



*Mr. John Hamilton, Sr., age 63 was born May 10, 1957 in Savannah, Ga. to Roberta Hamilton and the late James Mitchell. He was raised by his aunt, the late Cassie Mae Williams, where he was welcomed and loved dearly by his dear aunt and new siblings.*

*John received his formal education in the public schools of Savannah Chatham County. His employment began at Georgia Regional. After a few years of service at Georgia Regional, he obtained a job as a longshoreman at the International Longshoremen's Association Local 1414 where he retired after 33 years of dedicated service.*

*John loved to eat, to laugh, and to have fun; but even more, he loved his family. U J, the Big-Little Man with the Great Big Heart is who he was – if he had it and you needed it, it was yours.*

*At a young age, John had a profound passion for karate. Even after breaking his leg and being in a body cast, John was determined not to give up. While karate is a great way to teach one how to be respectful and to focus on defense rather than offense, John knew what he wanted and what he wanted to do. His fiery passion and unwavering drive to master the art of karate allowed him to earn a Black Belt.*

*John was also taught to know who Jesus was in his youth and to believe that God transforms. He began his walk in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on MLK Blvd, formerly West Broad St. He later moved his membership to Jerusalem Baptist Church in West Savannah. Always striving to better himself, John joined the Freemasonry. He was a member of Mt Moriah #15 PHA Masons. He was also a member of Ezra Consistory #27 where he was elevated to the rank of Grand Inspector General 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, Georgia Chapter #1 Royal Arch, and a former member of St Phillips Commandery #9.*

*With no more dues to pay and no more battles to fight, a heart of gold stopped beating on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, two shining eyes at rest, God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best. Although John's life ended before we were ready, the time that he spent in our lives was memorable and full of joy.*

*Those John leaves to cherish his memories are **his loving mother:** Roberta Hamilton; **6 sons:** Jerron Williams (Marquish), John Hamilton, Jr. (Tammy), Kevin Hamilton (Shythai), Clint Hamilton (DaNeshia), Maurice Bush and the late Corey Hamilton, who preceded John in death; **5 daughters:** Dietreca Hamilton, Dyshika Hamilton, Dyneisha Hamilton, and Wednesday Walker; **4 sisters:** Irene Sylvester, Juanita Hamilton, Georgia Hamilton, and Rose Hamilton; **2 brothers:** Alfonzo Hamilton (Joyce) and Dan Hamilton (Shirley); his extended family: Laura Holloway, Debra Bennett, Sandra Anderson, Bobby Williams, Barbara Williams, Johnny Williams, Stephanie Williams, Claudia Williams and Alethea Cliff; **31 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.***

# *Order of Service*

*Pastor Clarence Kinlaw, Jr., Presiding  
Tribe of Judah Baptist Church*

*Processional*

*Musical Selection*

*Soulful Sounds*

*Scriptures:*

*Old Testament*

*Min. Denice Frederick: Psalm 23*

*New Testament*

*Min. Clint Hamilton: John 14: 1-6*

*Invocation*

*Pastor Robert Evans*

*Fellowship Baptist Church of Jesus Christ*

*Selection*

*Southern Bones*

*Reflections (Two Minutes Please)*

*As I Knew Him*

*Mr. Dutrell Page*

*As A Neighbor*

*Mr. Robert Smith*

*Acknowledgements*

*Latoya Williams*

*Words of Comfort & Hope*

*Minister Lori Blige*

*Tribe of Judah Baptist Church*

*Masonic Rites*

*Mt Moriah #15*

*Recessional*



## *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 place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with a remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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.*

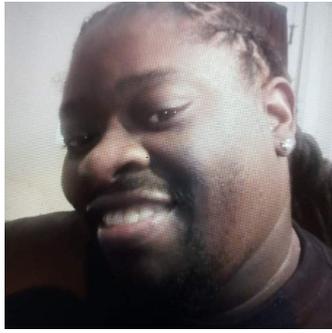
*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

# *In Loving Memory*

*God saw you getting tired,  
and a cure was not to be,  
so He put His arms around you  
and whispered, "Come to me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched you,  
and saw you pass away,  
and although we loved you dearly,  
we could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.*





# *Letting Go*

The Angels gathered near your bed,  
so very close to you.

For they knew the *pain and suffering*  
that you were going through.

I thought about so many things,  
as I held tightly to your hand.

Oh, **HOW I WISHED** that you were string  
and happy once again.

But your eyes were looking homeward,  
to that place beyond the sky.

Where **JESUS** held His outstretched arms,

it was time *to say goodbye.*

I struggled with my **SELFISH THOUGHTS**,  
for I wanted you to stay.

So we could walk and talk again,  
like we did - just yesterday.

But **JESUS KNEW THE ANSWER**,  
and I knew He loved you so.

So I gave to you life's greatest gift,

*the gift of letting go.*

Missing you  
Georgia

## *This Hurts Differently*

This hurts differently because of who you are.  
The forever so loving and caring Uncle John  
no matter how near no matter how far.

This hurts in a very different way. Because now when I call for you  
it's a reminder of many years of yesterday.

Many yesterdays you bear-hugged us as only you could.  
Many yesterdays you kept it real like a true Uncle should.  
Many yesterdays we took niece and uncle walks.  
Many yesterdays you dried my eyes as you sat me down  
for that Uncle and Niece Talk.

No one would ever know how many conversations we had,  
And many of our conversations you stood in for my dad.

I laughed to myself when I think of some of the things you would say.  
I would give anything to hear you say it again one day.

I love how you treated me like I was your only niece in the world.  
Even though I knew you loved us all the same  
no matter if we were boys or girls.

When it came to your family your demeanor showed us that  
you cared a great deal.

Those were qualities no one could downplay no one can ever steal.  
You worked very hard until you could not work anymore  
so you deserve your rest, for this I am sure.

Uncle, even though this hurts differently because of who you are,  
I love you forever, no matter how near no matter how far.

Uncle you are forever missed.  
*This Truly Hurts Differently.*

Love your niece

*Endra W.*

*A golden heart stopped  
beating*

*Hard working hands at rest.*

*God broke our hearts*

*To prove to us He only takes  
the best.*

*I will continue to do my best  
one day at a time and let God  
handle the rest.*

*Love,*

*grandson*

*Tank-Tank*



## Acknowledgements

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*Special Thanks to Ms. Brenda Walker and Ms. Adriene Reed for being a loving and caring friend. You went far and beyond in your acts of kindness. To the staff of Encompass Health, thank you for all of your help and support and the care given to our beloved John, God bless you all.*

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*The Family*



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