



Celebration of Life

John White, Jr.
SUNRISE: April 22, 1930 - SUNSET: February 21, 2021

Friday, March 5, 2021

12:00 Noon

Beaufort National Cemetery

1601 Boundary Street

Beaufort, South Carolina 29920

The Reverend Bernard Clarke, PhD Officiating

St. Phillip Monumental A.M.E. Church

Obituary

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:5).”

John White, Jr. was born in Savannah, Georgia on April 22, 1930 to John White, Sr. and Alice Jamison White. He was the fifth of six children and was affectionately referred to as “Junior.”

Educated in the Savannah Public School System, John graduated from Beach-Cuyler in 1949. He was a member of the A.E. Beach High National Alumni Association, Inc., and Who’s Who Among Beach Alumni in America. John attended Savannah State College for three years with a concentration in Industrial Engineering. He also attended Savannah Vocational School (now Savannah Technical College) for Power Plant Engineering and was a Georgia State Association of Power Engineers, Inc. Fourth Class Engineer.

John enlisted twice in the United States Army and was a Korean War Veteran. He was a Sharp-shooter and earned the rank of Corporal during his military tenure.

John was united in Holy Matrimony to his high school sweetheart, Lillian (Hot Mama) Ware on April 22, 1952. This blissful and fulfilling union extended 46 years until her passing in 1998. They had three children, Pamela Faye White-Ross who preceded him in death, Patricia Jolill White-Dempsey and Kenneth Leonard White, Sr. who also preceded him in death.

John was employed for over 30 years as Custodial Engineer for Savannah Vocational School. After retirement, he returned to work as Project Manager for Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire. He was owner of J W Janitorial Services specializing in Commercial and Residential Cleaning Services.

John was a faithful member of Greater Gaines Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church since birth. He served in numerous capacities at Greater Gaines most notably, Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Stewart Board, Trustee Board, Sons of Allen, Class Leader, and Lay Organization. John was a Prince Hall Mason in Eureka Lodge #1 and, a board member and former President of the Hungry Club Forum of Savannah, Inc.

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod an thy staff they comfort me (Psalm 23:4).”

On Sunday, February 21, 2021 after a period of illnesses, God concluded that John’s work on this earthly place was done and transitioned him to his heavenly home replying, *“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness (Mathew 25:21).”*

John leaves to cherish his precious memories, his loving devoted daughter, Patricia White-Dempsey (Ronald), grand-children, Jermaine A. Ross, Sr. (Bianca), Romell M. Ross (Jatara), Ronald H. Dempsey, II, Ingel Jackson (Jimi), Kevin L. Dempsey, Sr. (Ebony), LaTasha White, Kenneth L. White, Jr., Demika A. Dempsey, Iesha Phillips, Tirque White, 20 great grand-children, sister-in-law, Elizabeth Ware, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, God-daughter, Tonya Wiley-Bailey, a very special friend, Patricia Spady-Jenkins, devoted friends, Julia Wright, Theodore Brown, Daniel Wright, and Charles Nelson.

“Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful (Colossians 3:15).”

Order of Service

Presider, Minister Felicia Atkinson-Fowler

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me (1 Timothy 4:7-8).”

Processional

Soft Music

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

Deaconess Georgetta D. Royals

New Testament

Reverend Gloria Ruhsin

Invocation

Minister Felicia Atkinson-Fowler

Solo

Deacon Joseph Royals

Silent Reading of Obituary

Resolution and Acknowledgements

Sister Juanita Mayer

Solo

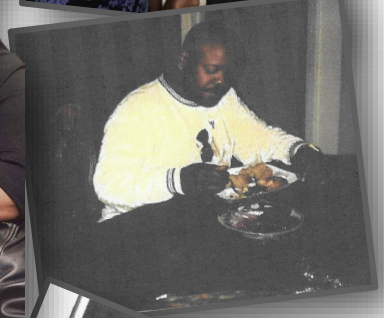
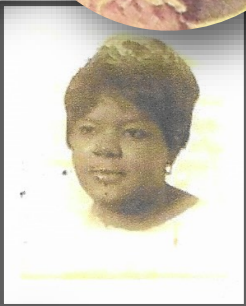
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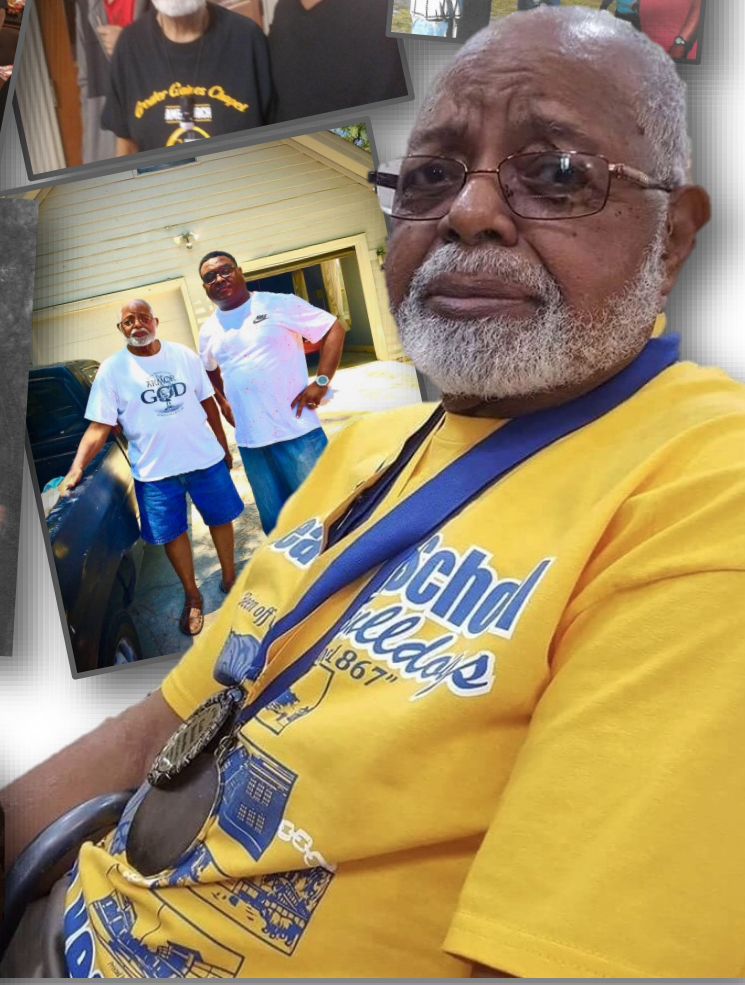
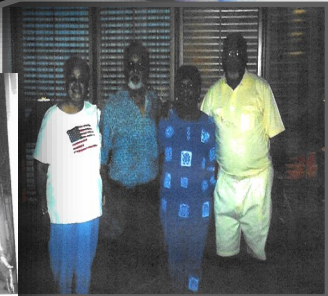
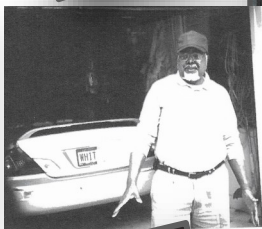
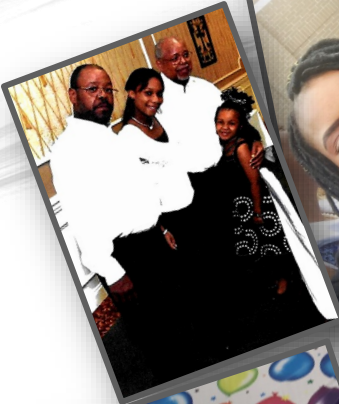
Words of Comfort

Reverend Bernard Clarke, PhD

Committal and Interment *







Not How Did He Die

**Not how did he die, but how did he live?
Not what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.
Not, what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever ready, with word of good cheer,
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many were sorry when he passed away.**

Summer Sandercox

Acknowledgements

We, the family wish to acknowledge with deepest appreciation the many comforting prayers, calls, cards, text/face book messages, floral/fruit tributes, and all other expressions of kindness evidenced during our bereavement. Continue to keep us lifted in prayer as we pray for you. Special thanks St. Joseph/Candler Health System Home Health Services and Hospice of Savannah.

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Pallbearers

Jermaine Ross, Sr.
Romell Ross

Ronald Dempsey, II
Kevin Dempsey, Sr.

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