

A portrait of John L. Brunson, a man with a dark beard and glasses, wearing a dark tuxedo jacket, a white dress shirt, and a dark bow tie. He is smiling slightly. The background of the portrait is a scenic view of a waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff, surrounded by lush green trees and foliage.

In Loving Memory of
John L. Brunson

Sunrise
May 11, 1937

Sunset
November 25, 2011

Saturday, December 3, 2011 -10:00 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINCOLN GARDEN

*771 Somerset Street
Somerset, New Jersey 07050*

*Rev. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., Officiating
Noel Goring, Organist*

The Life Story

John Luther Brunson was born May 11, 1937 in New Brunswick, NJ and was called to glory on Friday, November 25, 2011 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, NJ. John was the second son born to the late George, Sr. and Emma Hardy Brunson of Highland Park, NJ.

John was lovingly called by many nicknames (“John L.,” “Big John” or “City”) by his family and friends. He was a graduate of the Highland Park High School, where he was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball and track and went on to continue his football career at Virginia State College.

At a very early age, John was baptized and became a member of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, under the leadership of the late Rev. C.G. Wooding, where he sang in the First Youth Choir. John was a happy, free-spirited person and loved to entertain. You always knew when John entered a room with his jovial greeting and bigger than life presence.

He was employed by NJ Bell for thirty-five years as an Outside Agent in the Commercial Department. He was a member of the Prince Hall, Tyree Lodge #29, Rising Sun #7 Royal Arch and Golconda Temple #24, all of Newark, NJ.

John was married to the late Lottie Virginia Thompson. Out of this union were three daughters, Andrea, Carol (Frank) and Genavee and a son, Kindred. John married Shirley (Graham) 1977 and celebrated thirty-four years of matrimony. Also he leaves to survive: a sister, Marie Cephers of Tucson, AZ; two brothers, George (Arlene) of Somerset, NJ and Robert (Adele) of North Brunswick, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Presiding Rev. Alyson Browne Johnson, Executive Pastor

Musical Prelude Noel Goring

Seating of the Family

Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Scriptures

Old Testament-Psalm 23

New Testament-1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Prayer of Comfort

Solo "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"- Robert L. Porter

Acknowledgements/Expressions and

Reading of Obituary..... Alphine Callender

*Remarks Kindred Brunson, son
Durrant Cephers, nephew*

Solo Felicia Witcher

*Eulogy Rev. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, Somerset, NJ*

Recessional "Going Up Yonder"

Interment
*Van Liew Cemetery
North Brunswick, New Jersey*

Family and friends are invited for a repast immediately following the interment back at the church.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

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