

Home Going Celebration for

John Clark Jr.

Sunrise
September 29, 1930

Sunset
December 28, 2011



Service

Tuesday, January 3, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.

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Rev. Jeffery S. Thompson, Officiating

Reflection of Life

John Clark Jr. was born in Pinehurst, North Carolina to the proud parents John and Lee Anna Clark on September 29, 1930. He was one of eleven children.

John was a hard working man with a zest for life that lead him to leave home at the age of seventeen to make his own way in the world. John worked many jobs along his journey such as truck driver, ditch digger, well digger, dam builder and sewer installer. John eventually settled on the plumbing profession. In his chosen profession John achieved great success reaching the level of Master Plumber Foreman. In December of 2011, he was honored by the Plumbers Local Union NO. 200 for reaching 40 years of membership. Among his many achievements in life was being the first African American member of the Nassau/ Suffolk County Plumbers Union and the first African American union member to reach the level of Foreman. In addition to being a hard working man John also enjoyed a rich social life. He traveled to many places both far and near with his wife and family. When home he was an active member of the Southeast Queens community and a proud Brother of the Pride of Jamaica Lodge 217 Elks Lodge, where held many offices over the years including King of the Elks and Past State President.

John arrived in New York in the mid 1950's. In 1965, John met the love of his life Bernice Johnson. After multiple visits to her business under the pretense of buying records, John got up the nerve to ask Bernice out on a date, she agreed and the romance began. John and Bernice were married on January 20th 1967. Upon marriage John proudly took on the responsibility of helping Bernice raise her four young sons Ronald, Dwight, Bernard and Byron. In April of 1967, their union was blessed with a son Kenneth John. As the years went by the couple developed a special place in the hearts and family for two young men, Ronnie Brown and Richard Wills and considered both of them to be their adopted sons.

John is survived by his wife Bernice, son Kenneth John Clark, stepsons: Ronald Johnson, Dwight Johnson, Bernard Johnson and Byron Johnson, adopted sons: Ronnie Brown and Richard Wills, grand children: D'Anthony, Tavnoria, Carolyn, Marcus, Michael, Brennan, Breana, Khalilah, Algeria, Tiffany, Joshua, Miles and Sanna Siblings: Geneva, Lois, Mary, Dorothy, Bobby, Sheridan and Lydia daughter in laws: Madeline, Tonya, Brunella, Sharon, Evelyn, Michele and Ann Marie, sister in law Louise, niece Georgia numerous great-grand children, nieces and nephews, and all the many people whose live's he touched.

Order of Service

Musical Selection “How Great Thou Art”

Reading of Inspiration

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Musical Selection “God Specializes”

Obituary Walter Springer

Eulogy Rev. Jeffery S. Thompson, Pastor
Amity Baptist Church

Musical Selection “Peace Be Still”

Final Viewing

Recessional



Interment

Springfield Cemetery
Springfield Gardens, New York

Lord make me an instrument of thy peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.”

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

~ St. Francis of Assisi

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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