

Celebration of Life
and
Homegoing Services for

A portrait of Brother John Irons, a man with glasses, a mustache, and a suit, is centered over a background of a long, ornate staircase leading up to a bright, colorful sky. The text is overlaid on the lower portion of the image.

Brother John Irons

Sunrise

March 12, 1952

Sunset

October 26, 2012

Service

Thursday, November 8, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

EMANUEL PENTECOSTAL FAITH CHURCH

1310 Elder Avenue • Bronx York, NY 10477

Bishop Betty Middleton, Pastor

Elder Martha Green, Assistant Pastor

James Lark, Organist

Evang. Alice Davis, Officiating

Obituary

John Anthony Irons, son of the late Louise and James Irons, Sr. was born on March 12, 1952 in New York City. As a child he attended Mount Calvary Pentecostal Faith Church at 400 Lenox Avenue.

John attended Charles Evan Hughes High School. After graduating from high school, he served in the U.S. Armed Forces, receiving the National Defense Medal Award.

After moving to California, he became a motivational speaker testifying to young and old alike on how God delivered him from the trials and daily living of substance abuse. Because of this many people were empowered and came to know Christ as their personal Savior. John loved witnessing, telling people about the goodness of God. He had a unique way of witnessing. John owned a small clothing store; he would put tracts into the pockets of clothing that were purchased from his store.

John worked at the Veteran's Hospital In California as an electrician. He also attended California State University until he became ill. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He attended the McCoy Memorial Baptist Church where he served as an usher.

John loved reading and studying his Bible, he also loved playing basketball. John was a comedian that kept his family and friends laughing. He was loved by all.

He leaves to cherish his memory: six sisters, Ernestine of Green Ponds, SC, Doris of Charleston, SC, Rose, Ann, Maria and Judy of New York City; and two brothers, Bobby of Coates, NC and Nathaniel of Charleston, SC; his children, Tasha and John of the Bronx, NY and Bianca of Atlanta, Georgia, and three stepchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews, friends and the Emanuel family.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Processional.....Family and Friends

Prayer of Comfort.....“Elder Harry Gowers”

Selection.....“I’ll Fly Away”

Old Testament.....Elder Martha Green

New Testament.....Elder Roselle McKenith

Selection.....Min. Margie Reed

Tributes.....Family, Friends, Ministers
(2 minutes each)

Selection.....Bro. Michael Brandon

Acknowledge of Cards and
Condolences.....Elder Tammie Robinson

Obituary.....Sis. Maria Irons

Selection.....“Will You Meet Me Over Yonder”

Eulogy.....Bishop Betty Middleton
Emanuel Pentecostal Faith Church

Final Viewing

Benediction

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

John!

"We are not worried about you, we are not worried about you, because we know that you are walking and talking with God"

Family

Acknowledgement

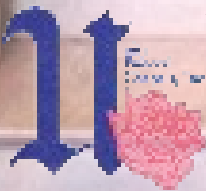
The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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