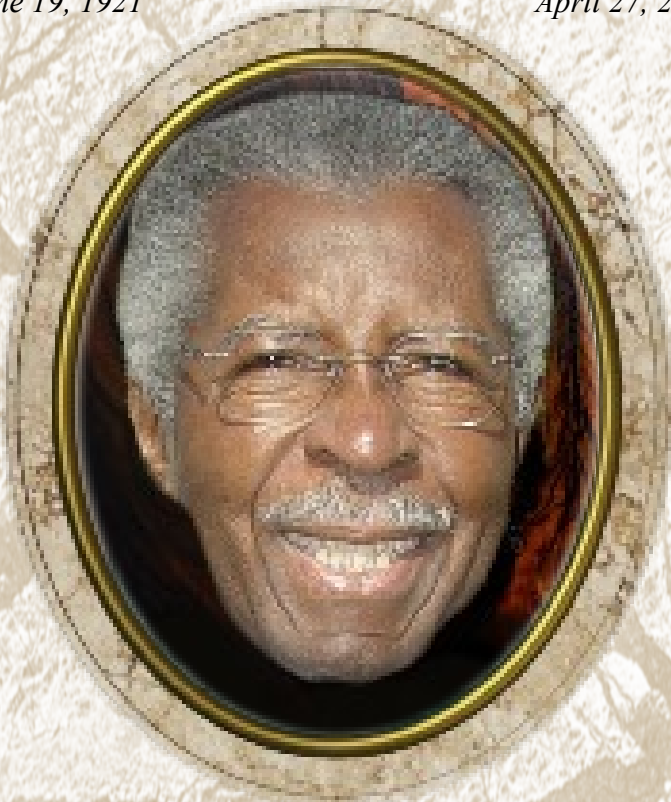


In Loving Memory
of
John L. Lee

Sunrise
June 19, 1921

Sunset
April 27, 2014



Saturday, May 10, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
15 Memorial Drive • Neptune, New Jersey 07753
Reverend Jesse Evans, Officiating

Obituary

John L. Lee, 92, of Belmar, passed away Sunday, April 27, 2014. He was born on June 19, 1921 in Dawson, Georgia to Jesse and Estella Smith-Lee. At the age of nine he moved to New Jersey with his mother. He attended HW Mountz Elementary School in Spring Lake, NJ, when the school principal, HW Mountz, himself, was active. John completed the 4th through 6th grades there and he was one of the first African-American students in attendance, at that time. He then attended Belmar Elementary School in Belmar, NJ and graduated from Asbury Park High School in Asbury Park, NJ.

John joined the armed services in 1942 and served with the 469th Aviation Squadron on Guadalcanal and Oahu, Hawaii until being honorably discharged in 1945. He was a WW II veteran. After the service, John opened a dry cleaning business with his cousins in Roselle, NJ.

In 1948 he began employment at Marlboro Psychiatric State Hospital and worked as an attendant. By 1958, John completed nursing school, met and married Colclough Williams (in 1949), and had six children from this union. John continued his education receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Monmouth College in 1960.

John was employed for 41 years at Marlboro Hospital working his way up from a hospital attendant to director of nurses and then to associate hospital administrator before retiring in 1989. He also served on the board of directors for the New Jersey State Nurses Association.

John was a deacon and a life-long member at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Lake Como. As a teenager, he was active in church and a civil rights organization arose from a bible youth meeting. Some of the charter members of this organization included individuals such as Donald Tucker, Jimmy Davis, Herbie Johnson, Jesse Scavella, Phillip (Soap) Johnson, Billy K. Reed, Albert Coy, Eddie Minor, and Bert Albouy.

This organization had appearances at the Westside Community Center and on WJLK radio. It unfortunately ended when members began to attend school and gain employment. However, John always recalled another reason for the demise was when the organization began to meet outside the church in efforts to expand its membership.

He served as the president of the Greater Council of Churches in Belmar. John was the publisher and editor of the "Mt. Olive Network" a newsletter that covered church and civic events throughout Monmouth County for almost 20 years. John was a member of the Seacoast Ushers in Monmouth County, John loved the Lord. He loved life, people, animals (especially dogs) and trees. His greatest past-time hobbies were reading, writing, and "talking trash". Many didn't know that John was a great illustrator and poet. He had early desires of creating a comic strip and writing a "best-seller".

John was predeceased by his wife Colclough Capponi Lee in 1994. Surviving are his six children, Terrel Lee, Belmar, NJ, Michael Lee and his wife Laura, Freehold, NJ, Barry Lee and his wife Roslyn, New Rochelle, NY, Debra Lee- Rawlings, Neptune, NJ, Diana Lee, Belmar, NJ, and Valerie Laws and her husband Tyrone Laws, Lake Como, NJ; seven grandchildren, Jason Lee, Asbury Park, NJ, LaDena Rawlings, Eatontown, NJ, Nigel Lee Turner and Noelle Lee Turner, Belmar, NJ, Capponi Lee, New Rochelle, NY, Brianna Lee, Freehold, NJ, and Barry Lee, Jr., New Rochelle, NY; one great-grandson, Jayden Warren "4-Speed", Eatontown; beloved family members, Johnnie Rawlings, Union City, GA, Jeremiah Warren, Eatontown, NJ and many, many cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection “Order My Steps”
Mt. Olive Baptist Church Choir

Prayer of Comfort Prophet Kevin Nunn

Scripture

Old Testament: Job 19: 23-27 LaDena Rawlings

New Testament: Romans 8: 28-39 Nancy Goss

Selection “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”
Rev. Grace Scarle
Calvary Baptist Church

Resolutions and Reflections

Poem Reading Capponi Lee

Letter of Appreciation Noelle Lee-Turner

Obituary Reading Joy Goddard
First Baptist Church, Belmar

Selection “I Will Sing Hallelujah”
Mt. Olive Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy Rev. Jesse Evans
Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Belmar

Recessional

Interment

(John and his wife’s ashes will be interred in a private ceremony)

Williams C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery

Wrightstown, New Jersey

Repast

Following Services

MLK Presbyterian Church

Rest Safely In His Care

There are many things in life
That we cannot understand
But we must trust God's judgment
And be guided by His hand
You toiled so hard for those you loved
Your love for you family was true
You did your best for all of us
And we will always remember you
Only God knows how much we'll miss you
And how much you meant to us
Though your smile is gone forever
And your love we cannot touch
Yet we'll have as sweet memory
Of the one we loved so much
For many years, the family chain
was closely linked together
But, oh! That chain is broken now
Another link is gone forever.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much whatever the part.

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