

In Loving Memory of

John Organ

Sunrise: July 11, 1940

Sunset: February 1, 2016

Service

Monday, February 8, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

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Obituary

John Organ was born to Isaac Organ and Lucille McIver Organ on July 11, 1940 in Harlem Hospital, New York. He lived in Harlem throughout most of his childhood with his parents, his brother and six sisters. John was always a hard worker. From the age of ten he worked in his apartment building to keep it warm and clean, so he and his family might maintain their apartment. He completed all his work in the building early in the morning each day before he left for school.

After he graduated from high school he worked for thirty years in the hospital industry. He became an Alzheimer's Related Disorders Technician at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Yonkers, New York. He created a structured day program so residents could enjoy a better quality of life. John was very charismatic and had a way of helping the patients be responsive to their environment. John's innovative practices with patients are still used throughout the medical field today.

John was a consummate outdoors man who loved to hunt wild game and fish. He also mastered woodworking, gourd craft, and the making of percussion instruments due to his love of African culture and music. After years of dedicated service at St. Joseph's Hospital, he and his wife, Erma relocated to Middletown, New York to provide greater access to nature and his crafts. He channeled his energy into creating original woodwork for clients who valued his excellent craftsmanship. John's final years were filled with love and joy. Through his bout with illness, he was blessed to spend quality time with Erma and his children, sharing the benefits of a life well-lived.

John leaves behind: his loving wife, Erma McPherson; his beloved children, Denise Organ, Ajike Kendrick, Sophia Lawrence, Karen Lawrence, Dorelle McPherson and Deighton Bell; his grandchildren, Tyrone Brock, Andre Lawrence, Warren G. Gerrard and Brandon McPherson; and a great-granddaughter, Mackenzie Fields. He also leaves behind a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and loved ones who will miss him dearly.

John asked that you remember him and not feel sad. He left this life on February 1, 2016 with a host of loved ones waiting to receive him with open arms. He joined his beloved parents; his sisters, Anita Jackson, Marion Organ, Janet Grevious, Phyllis Yearwood, Murial Organ and Nina Cunningham; his brother, Isaac "Sonny" Organ, Jr.; and his son, John Lawrence. Ridgedean Lawrence was also lovingly awaiting his arrival at the gates of heaven.

We remember the strength, creativity, and greatness of our beloved husband, father, and friend.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Recessional

Interment

*Rose Hills Memorial Park
Putnam Valley, New York*

Daughters' Love

We were blessed to have you on this earth; you were a loving father, uncle, grandfather, brother, and friend. And you always knew how to make a person laugh when they wanted to cry or make them live when they wanted to die. You always stood by someone when they needed you to; we've been through a lot of ups and downs, but you never made us stop loving you. We love you and we will always keep you in our hearts. Rest in peace. By Sophia Lawrence

Don't

*Don't spend too much time in mourning,
Tears are for the sad;
I left to be with Jesus
And this should make you glad.
Don't waste your hours in grieving,
No need to feel distress;
I'm tired of life's frustrations
And had to get some rest.
Don't puzzle yourself with questions
Or try to reason why
Life here for me was ended,
It came my time to die.
Don't lose the love I gave you
Feed it with your care;
Grow it with devotion
And spread it everywhere.
Don't fret because my leaving
Came in such a way;
We'll have another meeting
In God's eternal day.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

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

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