

*Celebrating the Life of*

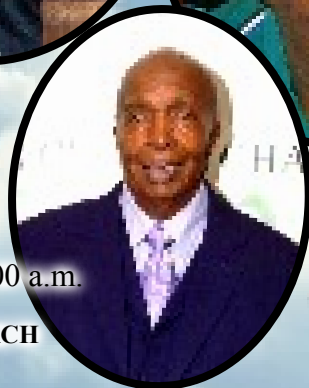
# *John Wiley*



Sunrise  
April 26, 1938



Sunset  
February 11, 2016



**Service**

Saturday, February 20, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
260 Central Avenue  
Hackensack, New Jersey  
*Rev. Gregory J. Jackson, Pastor*

## Reflections of Life

**John Wiley** was born April 26, 1938 in Jeffersonville, Georgia to the late S. Tee and Mattie Wiley Ushery. Spending the first ten years of his life there, John and his family relocated to Miami, Florida in 1946. There, they became members of the local Church of God in Christ. During those years, John had the privilege and pleasure of being introduced to Bishop Charles Mason, founder of the Church of God in Christ. In meeting him, Bishop Mason laid hands on John and anointed he and the rest of the Youth for music ministry, while instructing them to “stay with the Lord.”

John remained in Miami through high school matriculation, graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in 1956. After graduation, John and his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio. During his years there, he played for the Temple Baptist Church. He also had the privilege to meet Mother Mary Hatchett, a well-known evangelist, who fostered a friendship and mentorship that would last many years.

In 1958, John moved to Brooklyn, New York. In moving, he was given the assignment to play for a church while the main musician was out on maternity leave. Mother Mary Hatchett happened to call that church one Sunday, requesting one of their musicians to come to Hackensack, New Jersey and play for her weekly radio broadcast on WHBI. Reluctantly, John went to play for her. The following week, Mother Mary Hatchett called back and specifically requested “the pretty organist” to come and play for her again!

In 1961, after playing for the persistent Mother Mary Hatchett (who would not stop until John became her main organist), during the radio broadcast, John found himself walking down the aisle during the Invitation to Christian Discipleship and joining the church. At the time of his passing, he was still the main organist for Universal Hagar’s Spiritual Church of Hackensack, New Jersey.

During his years of being a musician, John served as Minister of Music and musician for a number of churches in the area including Friendship Baptist Church of Paterson, Community Baptist Church of Englewood, and Trinity Baptist Church of Hackensack. He continued to remain faithful to the calling and mandate on his life until he died.

John Wiley was employed in the medical industry for over thirty years. He began his career at the Saddle Brook Hospital Saddle Brook, NJ and concluded when he retired from the Hackensack University Medical Center Hackensack, NJ.

He leaves to mourn one Aunt Ellen Veal of Atlanta, GA, and a host of loving cousins and God Children.



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