

*In
Loving
Memory*

John Edward Folsom

Sunrise
April 6, 1928

Sunset
April 3, 2016

Service

Saturday, April 9, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

FIRST HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

525 Orange Street

Newark, New Jersey 07107

Reverend Antonio Porter, Officiating

Obituary

Somerset, New Jersey — John Edward Folsom, 87, died Sunday, April 3rd at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey following a long illness.

Two daughters Maxine Folsom and Carolyn Folsom Jefferies preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn: wife of sixty-eight years, Claudia Mae Wright Folsom, his children, Barbara Butler, Claudette Bell, Jacqueline Royal, Jack Folsom (Janice), Sheryl Folsom and Renee Mengistab; twelve grandchildren, Yvette, Stephen (Tonia), Timeka (Micah), Allen, Thomas III, Malika, Sean, Tawanna, Danielle, Debessaye, Jessica and Imani; six great-grandchildren, Aaron, Nadiyya, Thomas IV, Quinton Jr., Kamau, and Ryder, three brothers, Branham (Casandra), Raymond, Ronald David (Gail); three sisters-in-law, Simmie, Joyce, Lois and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Born and raised in Wrightsville, Georgia the son of Lucinda and John B. Folsom, John moved to New Jersey in 1952 where he took up roots and raised his family. In his early years, John worked and retired from the United States Postal Service. He was an avid landscaper, auto mechanic and carpenter. John was a devoted husband and loving father who found Christ at an early age and led all of his children and grandchildren to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Trustee Folsom will be sorely missed by all.

*Celebrating the life
of
John Edward Folsom*

Opening Hymn “Break Every Chain”

Scripture Reverend Milton Lester
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Esther Haire

Musical Selection..... “Take Me To The King”

Acknowledgements, Cards & Resolutions Michelle Miller

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Obituary Reading Read Silently

Musical Selection..... “Oh I Want To See Him”

Words of Comfort Reverend Antonio Porter

Musical Selection “Last Mile Of The Way”

Recessional

Pallbearers

Jack Folsom	Thomas McGill III
Stephen Folsom	Debessaye Mengistab
Allen Bell	Sean Lamont Bell

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

*After interment at Rosedale Cemetery & Crematory, all are welcome to join us
for the repast at 16 Cedar Brook Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873.*

Should You Go First

Should you go first and I remain to walk the road alone,
I'll live in memories garden dear, with happy days we've known.

In spring I'll wait for roses red, when fades, the lilacs blue.

In early fall when brown leaves call, I'll catch a glimpse of you.

Should you go first and I remain, for battles to be fought,
each thing you've touched along the way will be a hallowed spot.
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile, though blindly I may grope,
the memory of your helping hand will buoy me on with hope.

Should you go first and I remain to finish with the scroll,
no lengthening shadows shall creep in to make this life seem droll.

We've known so much happiness, we had our cup of joy,
and memory is one gift of God that death cannot destroy.

Should you go first and I remain, one thing I'd have you do:

Walk slowly down that long, lone path,

For soon I'll follow you. I'll want to know each step you take,
that I may walk the same, for some day down that lonely road
you'll hear me call your name.

Acknowledgement

We sincerely thank you for your support and prayers during this difficult time. We know that John was as dear to you as he was to us; we trust that his memory and spirit will live on in each of us through our good works and deeds. While it is hard to lose a treasured loved one, the outpouring of love bestowed upon us is comforting.

~ The Folsom Family

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