



*In Loving
Memory
of*

John Winkfield, Jr.

Sunrise: January 29, 1928

Sunset: April 16, 2016

Service

Monday, April 25, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

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Obituary

A Devoted Son, Father, Brother, Uncle and Cousin...



John Winkfield, Jr. was born on January 29, 1928 to the late John and Addie Mae Williams Winkfield in Fitzgerald, Georgia. At an early age, John joined the Salem First Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. E. A. Hargrove where he served on the Junior Usher Board. John married the late Mary Brooks and to this union one child was born, Stoney Lee Winkfield.

He attended the public school in Fitzgerald and graduated from the Fitzgerald Colored School (later renamed, Monitor High School) in 1946. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Upon his honorable discharge, John moved to New York, New York, and sought employment with the United States Post Office as a mail carrier.

John enrolled in night school under the GI bill and earned certification for a laboratory technician. Later, he was hired by the Bronx Veterans Hospital where he took advantage of training opportunities and was recognized for conducting tests on patients during open heart surgery. Afterwards, John was promoted to an administrative position in his division. He was employed at the hospital for more than forty years, dedicating more than forty-seven years to the federal government service.

John was a man who loved his family and had a genuine concern for all of his relatives. Throughout his life, John offered wisdom to his young relatives and offered financial assistance whenever the need arose. He was referred to as father, Uncle John and Cousin John.

John was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Stoney Lee Winkfield; daughter, Cynthia Harris; three brothers, Forrest, Elijah and Jimmy Winkfield; one sister, Mrs. Addie Winkfield Grant; and one grandson, Desmond Winkfield. John peacefully slept away on April 16, 2016, and entered into eternal rest.

John leaves to celebrate and cherish fond memories: his daughter and son-in-law, Beverly (Leroy) Walford of Long Island City, NY; three grandchildren, Deidra Eason, Andresa Taylor and Demetrius Andre' Bethea all of Waycross, GA; four great-grandchildren; one nephew, Oliver Winkfield of Washington, D.C.; one niece, Althea Greene of New York City, NY; and a host of other relatives and friends that will miss him dearly.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York*



The Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says,

"Grieve not for me."

Remember the best times,

the laughter, the songs.

The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.

Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.

Remembering all... how I was truly blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small.

Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall.

I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

Until that fine day we're together again.

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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