

A Service Celebrating The Life of



John Albert Woods, Sr.

Sunrise: January 9, 1945

Sunset: September 15, 2016

Service

Friday, September 23, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. ALBANS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

172-17 Linden Blvd. • St. Albans, NY 11434

Rev. Dr. Henry T. Simmons, Officiating

Mr. Elmer Hammond, Jr., Organist

Order of Service

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....*Mr. Elmer Hammond, Jr.*

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE INVOCATION.....*Rev. Jenifer Heron*

THE SOLO.....*“Amazing Grace”.....Minister Tiffany Andrews*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Psalm 23 - Mr. John A. Woods, Jr.

New Testament: John 14:1-8 - Arlevia Stewart

THE OBITUARY.....*Deacon Fannie Smiths*

THE TRIBUTES OF LOVE

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE SOLO.....*“Precious Lord”.....Minister Tiffany Andrews*

THE EULOGY.....*Rev. Dr. Henry T. Simmons*

THE PRAYER OF CONSOLATION.....*Rev. Dr. Henry T. Simmons*

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE.....*Mr. Elmer Hammond, Jr.*

Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York*

Obituary

John Albert Woods was born January 9, 1945 in Natchez, Mississippi to the late Mrs. Bessie W. Pollard. He was raised by a loving mother and step-father, Mr. Herbert Pollard; also, by his grandparents, the late Johnnie (Papa) and Nettie Woods whom he loved and adored. He departed this life at home on Thursday, September, 15, 2016.

John attended Holy Family Catholic Elementary School and Sadie V. Thompson High School in Natchez, Mississippi. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1965. John graduated from Technical Career Institute, there he learned his electrical trade. John was employed by the New York City Transit Authority as a Power Cable Supervisor. He retired in June 2006. He also was a member of the Subway Surface Supervisors Association of NY City Transit Authority. John lived at Maple Court and was a Board Member serving as secretary for two years.

John joined the church at a young age. He was a faithful member of St. Albans Congregational Church. He loved his church family and his pastor.

John enjoyed spending time with family and friends, he loved to laugh and he loved to dance. His hobbies included Sudoku puzzles, playing the piano, and watching the National Geographical channel, but most of all he loved reading and studying the Bible.

John was married to Grace Woods and through that marriage two children were born, John Anthony Woods, Jr., and Sonji Woods of Laurel, Maryland. Through a relationship with Memelee Holmes, Janet Erica Woods was born.

John leaves to cherish his memory: his children, John, Jr., (Gemma), Sonji (Ryan) and Erica; three grandchildren, Anthony Woods, Brandon Woods, and Torian Watson of Laurel, Maryland; two sisters, Serena Pollard of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Lynette Stewart (Oliver) of Natchez, Mississippi; nephews, Marvin Henderson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Oliver Stewart, Jr. of Dallas, TX; a niece, Arlevia Stewart of Austell, Georgia; grandniece, Amiyah Lynae Johnson of Austell, Georgia; special friends, Russell James and Lovette Thornton; and best friend, Fannie Smiths.

Gone Too Soon

*Like a comet
Blazing 'cross the evening sky
Gone too soon
Like a rainbow
Fading in the twinkling of an eye
Gone too soon
Shiny and sparkly
And splendidly bright
Here one day
Gone one night
Like the loss of sunlight
On a cloudy afternoon
Gone too soon
Like a castle
Built upon a sandy beach
Gone too soon
Like a perfect flower
That is just beyond your reach
Gone too soon
Born to amuse, to inspire, to delight
Here one day
Gone one night
Like a sunset
Dying with the rising of the moon
Gone too soon
Gone too soon*

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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