

*In Loving Memory Of*

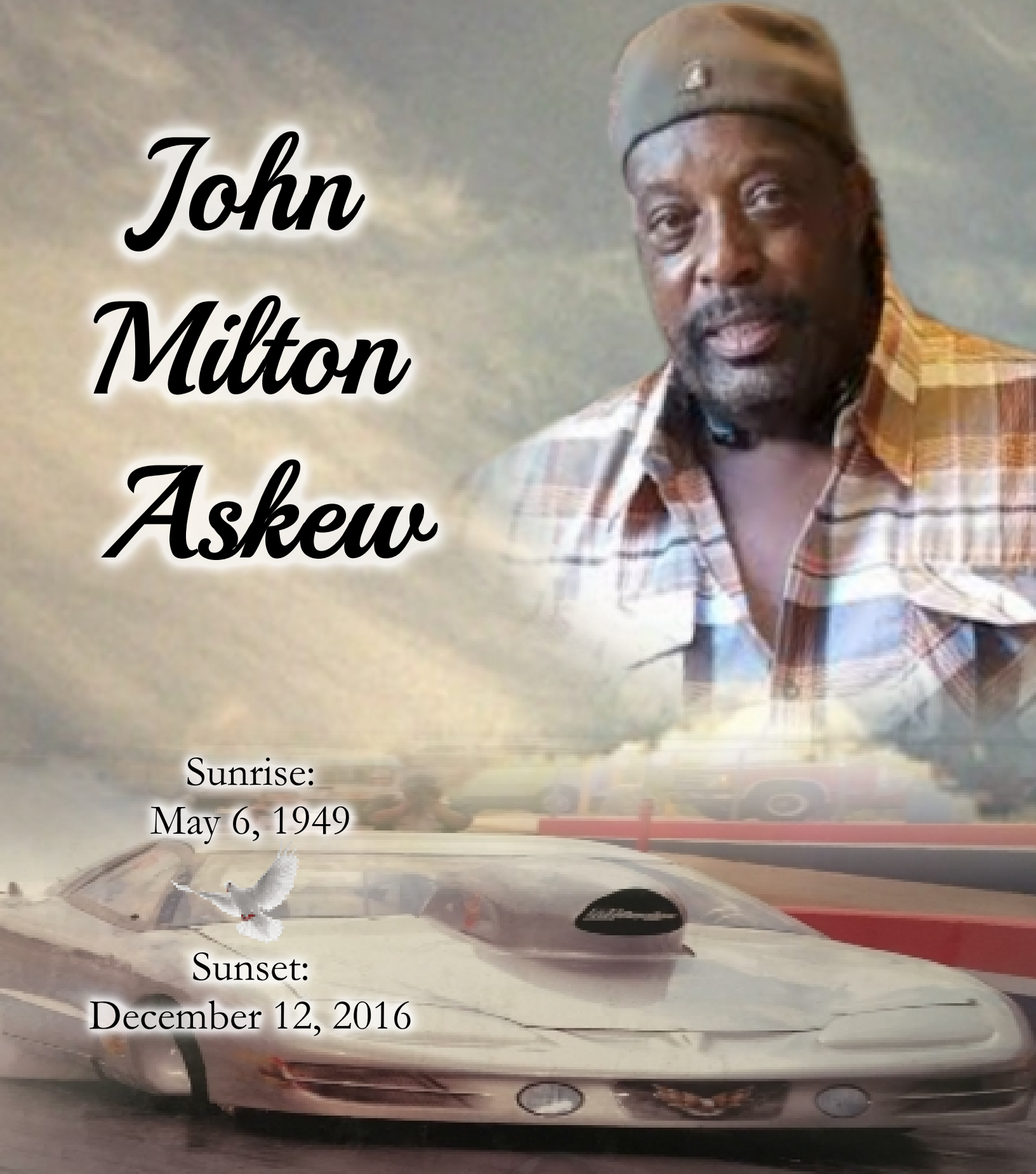
*John  
Milton  
Askew*

Sunrise:

May 6, 1949

Sunset:

December 12, 2016



# Obituary

**John Milton Askew** was born on May 6th, 1949 in Lumpkin, Georgia, to the late Beatrice Webb. He was the eldest of ten children. He attended Stewart County High School. While growing up, John enjoyed driving cars and spending time with his family. Eventually in the 70's he migrated to New Jersey where he found a lucrative career in the transportation industry as a truck driver. While doing what he loved, John found the love of his life, Bessie Richburg. John and Bessie soon were wed and were married for over forty years.

John was an advent family man with an extreme passion for drag racing. Since the 70's, John would spend his spare time racing. Eventually he became an owner of his own race car. "Fast John" traveled all over the country to many racing events where he found great success with his racing buddies and crew, Keith (Bull), Marvin (Dee Dee), Al, Travis, EP, Barry, Wallaboo, the late Teshawn, the late Big Richard and a host of other friends over the years. They formed a group together called "Jersey Boyz".

Throughout his life, John was always determined to follow his dreams of racing. However nothing was more important to him than his family. He was an excellent provider, a profound leader of his peers and family, and could always be depended on to take care of those that mattered the most.

He spent most of his latter years traveling with family and friends and enjoying the sounds and joys of his children and grandchildren.

John was preceded in death by the parents that raised him, Tom and Minnie Askew, his mother, Beatrice Webb, his sisters, Jessie Pearl, Alice Ann Webb, and Queen Esther Scott Powell and brother, Bobby James Webb. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Askew; his daughters, Rainell Carroll, Valarie Askew Mack (Ted), and Jennifer Askew (Ibn); siblings, Ernest Webb Jr., Edward Lee Webb (Meena), Ulinda Gilbert (Johnny), Betty M. Doughty, Rosiland Webb, Jeffery Webb (Mary), Shirley Stewart and Ruby Jones (Ronnie); step-father, Ernet Webb Sr.; a special aunt, Atlean Jones; grandchildren, Takiyah, Princess, Raysean, Theo, Camren, Elijah, and Christian; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members that loved him dearly..



Services

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

**Ebenezer Baptist Church**

241 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive • Lumpkin Georgia

*The Service of Celebration*

The Processional and Final Viewing

The Selection ..... Minister Diane Powell

The Scriptural Readings

Old Testament ..... Apostle Dr. Betty M. Doughty

New Testament

The Invocation ..... Minister Margaret McCarthy

The Solo ..... Minister Diane Powell

The Acknowledgements

The Remarks (2 Minutes Please) ..... Family and Friends

The Solo ..... Minister Diane Powell

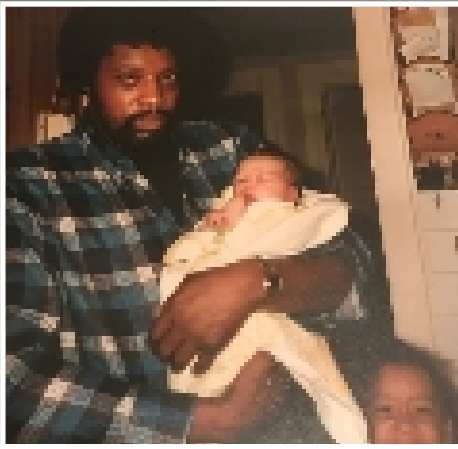
Words of Comfort ..... Reverend Emmanuel Whitfield

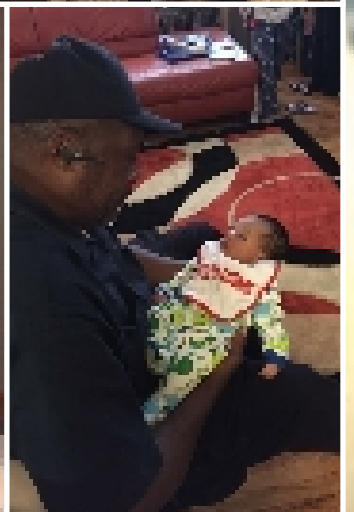
The Solo ..... Minister Diane Powell

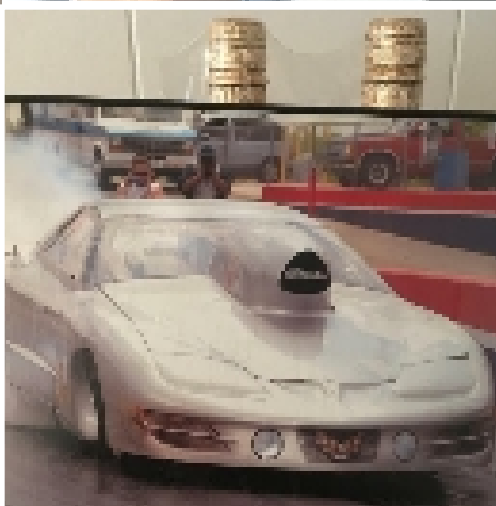
The Recessional

**Interment**

St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery  
Lumpkin, Georgia







# *As We Look Back*

By an Unknown Author

As we look back over time  
We find ourselves wondering .....  
Did we remember to thank you enough  
For all you have done for us?  
For all the times you were by our sides  
To help and support us .....  
To celebrate our successes  
To understand our problems  
And accept our defeats?  
Or for teaching us by your example,  
The value of hard work, good judgment,  
Courage and integrity?  
We wonder if we ever thanked you  
For the sacrifices you made.  
To let us have the very best?  
And for the simple things  
Like laughter, smiles and times we shared?  
If we have forgotten to show our  
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,  
We're thanking you now.  
And we are hoping you knew all along,  
How much you meant to us.

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation  
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them  
during this time of bereavement.*

Professional Services by:  
**Whigham Funeral Home**

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey 07102  
973-622-6872

*Carolyn Whigham, Director*

