



John Drayton

March 24, 1927 - March 16, 2009

JOHN (JOE) NATHAN DRAYTON was born on March 24, 1927 in Clarendon County, South Carolina to James Preston Drayton, Sr. and Rosa E. Mitchell. He took hold of the Master's Hand and departed this life on Monday, March 16, 2009. John spent most of his younger years and received his formal education in the public schools of Eastover, Richland County, South Carolina. He accepted CHRIST at an early age and attended worship services with his family at the Mt. Zion A.M.E Baptist Church in Eastover, South Carolina. He came to Baltimore City at age 14. He had no problem finding work and was a hard worker. When he was of age, he enlisted in the United States Army where he acquired the rank of Military Police, and was later honorably discharged. After serving his country and traveling the world, he returned to Baltimore where he met and married Mary Jean Gravely. They were joined in Holy Matrimony on November 25, 1951. From this union he was blessed with two daughters, Brenda Durrett and Janice Drayton, and one son, Joe Nathan Drayton, Jr. He worked at Sparrows Point Shipyard for a time but later obtained employment with the Continental Canning Company where he was a Truck Driver and Heavy Machine Operator for twenty-four years until he had to retire early because of loss of sight. Even though he was losing his sight, he didn't lose his love of life and went on to blind school in Delaware to prepare himself for the challenges he would face without his sight. He did very well there and returned home still active and determined to live a normal life. John was very proud and outgoing. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed

fishing, hunting, and planting vegetables in his garden. He also loved to dance, and dance he could. He was also a griot of sorts. He loved to talk for hours, telling war stories as well as memories of his childhood growing up in South Carolina with his sisters and brothers whom he loved dearly.

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“ I wish to extend my sincere and heartfelt sympathy for the loss of John. Reading his obituary really touched my heart, because he was a man who overcame all odds to live a happy and normal life. I'm sure he was an inspiration to all of you. Losing a family member is so hard to come to terms with, and it just doesn't seem fair that we have to go through this. Reading and studying the bible for many years, I have come to know that this was never God's purpose for us. He desires life for us, not death. That is why he sent us his most beloved Son, Jesus, to die for us so that we might be through with sickness and death forever. Jesus said at John 10:10, "I have come so that they might have life and have it in abundance. Rev 21:4 tells us that God will wipe out every tear from our eyes and death will be no more, because these former things will have passed away. As a bible teacher, I invite you to contact me at my e-mail address, so that I can share God's grand purpose with you. One day you have the hope of seeing John alive again. May you be sustained by your cherished memories of John.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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“ I would like to convey my sincere condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. We all look forward to a time when Jehovah God will wipe out every tear from our eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore (Rev21:4). May you find solace in the "God of all comfort" (2Cor1:3-4) and he will sustain you during this difficult time (Psalm55:22). Warmest regards, C. Murphy###imported-begin##C. Murphy###imported-end##

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