



## John Edward Lawson

March 11, 1949 - August 1, 2017

JOHN EDWARD LAWSON, JR. (TINKER), the son of the late John Edward Lawson Sr. and Mary Evans, was born on March 11, 1949 in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life unexpectedly on August 1, 2017.

He received his education from Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore City and enlisted in the Armed Forces before graduating. He served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart in 1970. John was a lifelong truck driver and retired from FedEx in 2013.

On September 26, 1986, he married Ethel Wright and they began their life journey with their blended family. John was admonished to find a church home so, in Spring 1989, he decided to join New Psalmist Baptist Church. After completing the Discipleship program, he chose to use his love for driving to service God and His people. He joined the Transportation Ministry and through his loyal and loving service became a blessing to many.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Minister Ethel (Cookie) Lawson; mother-in-law, Gloria Gibson; his son, John III; and four daughters, Alicia, Marcia, Shena and Octavia Lawson; thirteen grandchildren, Alexis, Arlicia, Asiajuan, Antoine, Jr., DaKwan, Charles, Tijuan, Corey, Keon, Kavon, Jaddah, Nakaiya and Jujuan; six great-grandchildren, Ariana, Aiden, Amer'e, Ahmod, Abriella and Grayson; four sisters, Bernadette, Yvonne, Sheila and Sharlene; three brothers, Larry,

Gregory and Anthony (Winky); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, in-laws and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Gloria and Michella; and brothers, Edward, Michael and Tony.

The most important thing in John's life was family and he made friends wherever he went. He was a humble spirit and it allowed him to touch the hearts of many. He loved unconditionally. Some of our fondest memories of him will be him eating cherry pie and his diet Mountain Dew and let us never forget his love for chicken. We will miss hearing him make that last call of a ride on the bus at church and that big smile. He will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG 10. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

AUG 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Wake

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AUG 11. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Psalmist Baptist Church  
6020 Marian Dr.  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

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AUG 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Psalmist Baptist Church  
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Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Edward Lawson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family.*

*Dana Smith*



**Dana Smith** - August 10, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *Mary Richardson lit a candle in memory of John Edward Lawson*



**Mary Richardson** - August 07, 2017 at 05:53 PM



“ *To the family of John Edward Lawson. My family sends their deepest sympathy to you. Our thoughts and prayers goes out to you. Isaiah 25 8.*

**Nancy Young** - August 07, 2017 at 10:25 AM

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“ *Darlene E. English lit a candle in memory of John Edward Lawson*



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**Darlene E. English** - August 07, 2017 at 10:02 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of John. His faithfulness to our family in times of need was truly appreciated. John will certainly be missed!*



*The Rawlings Family*

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**Beverly & Larry Rawlings** - August 06, 2017 at 03:45 PM

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“ *Janelle Johnson lit a candle in memory of John Edward Lawson*



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**Janelle Johnson** - August 06, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - August 06, 2017 at 11:20 AM