



John Thomas Russell Jr.

February 11, 1943 - June 12, 2020

Our Beloved John

John Thomas Russell Jr. was called to be with his heavenly father on June 12, 2020. He was born to the late John and Irene Russell on February 11, 1943 in Richmond, Virginia.

John graduated from Virginia Randolph in 1962 and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1963. He was honorably discharged as a Security Police Sergeant (APC). He graduated from Virginia Union University in 1974.

He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church where he was a dedicated member. He participated in the Tuesday Night Bible Class and the Men's Fellowship. He also served as a member of the Stewardship Budget Committee. He was a member of the Male Ushers before his health began to decline.

John was united in holy matrimony to the late Gloria Fleming Russell on December 3, 1967. This wedding was the first black wedding held at the Sheraton Inn on Belvidere Street 52 years ago. "Sweetie" was the love of his life. Their union was blessed with one daughter, Marie.

John was always business minded with preparing taxes and analyzing computer programs. He was a caring person that loved his family, his church

and most of all he loved the Lord.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Fleming Russell and three sisters, Rose Lewis, Susie Greenway and Irene Lightfoot.

John leaves to cherish loving memories, his loving devoted daughter, Marie C. Russell (Tony); two god-daughters, Kristin Randolph and Takiyah Spriggs; three devoted grandchildren, Keith W. Morgan, III, Jacob K. Morgan and Anthony Seay; three sisters, Reverend Sarah Dabney, Deaconess Wilnette Folly (Deacon Thomas) and Dorothy Russell; a brother, Herman Russell; one brother-in-law, Barry Fleming (Maxine); a nephew, William H. Lightfoot, Jr. (whom he raised); one uncle-in-law, Harold C. Fleming (Lorraine) along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends among them are Gloria Randolph, Yvonne Harris and Rose Walker.

John's legacy will be remembered for years to come by all who were touched by him.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for John Thomas Russell Jr., Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - June 18, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *John Thomas Russell Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *LaMone D Lewis lit a candle in memory of John Thomas Russell Jr.*



LaMone D Lewis - June 20, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ 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.

March Funeral Homes - June 17, 2020 at 08:17 AM

DC

My deepest sympathy to the family. From PM.Chambers

Delores Chambers - June 18, 2020 at 04:17 AM

MJ

I am sorry to hear of the passing of John. We graduated from Virginia Randolph together in 1962 and he was my neighbor when he lived with Mrs. Margaret Johnson. He was always kind and a true gentleman. I wish the family well during this time.

*Melton R. Jones
Mountain Road, Glen Allen, VA*

Melton R. Jones - June 19, 2020 at 10:27 PM

BB

I am so deeply sorry for your loss. You and your family have my deepest sympathy and condolences.

PM Bertha B. Bohannon

East End Chapter #79

Bertha B. Bohannon - June 22, 2020 at 02:22 PM