



Jonathan C Watts

September 17, 1958 - March 28, 2016

Deacon Jonathan Cornell Watts Sr., was a faithful servant of God, a devoted family man and gifted minstrel who moved to his heavenly home on March 28, 2016. He was born September 17, 1958 to the late Henry and Geraldine Watts, and as a child was called John. As he became a teenager he was known as Cornbread and later his church family named him BBJ (Big Bad John). Born into a large family he was one of nine siblings. He attended Lake Clifton High School and loved to wrestle, play lacrosse and basketball.

In 1976 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp reserve and in 1983 switched from reserve to active duty, receiving an Honorable Discharge from active duty in 1987. While on active duty he was stationed in the sunny locations of California and Hawaii.

John met Michele Staton in December of 1981 and they were married on September 10, 1983. Shelly, as he lovingly called her, was there with him till the end. Their union blessed them with two children; Tiffany Denise Staton and Jonathan Cornell Watts Jr.

At the end of his military service, he returned to Baltimore and worked for a season at UPS. He left UPS and in 1989 started working at Kernan Hospital as a floor technician where he worked for 26 years. In 2003 he started a second job at Stella Maris.

John's Christian foundation was laid at home and at Maryland Church of God in Christ. His Christian foundation was also built on a strong musical background of psalmists and musicians, with his father gifted to play 5

instruments. So, it was natural that in 2002 when he joined Life Changing Ministries (LCM) he became a part of the Praise and Worship team as a bass player. He was a devoted member of LCM and was ordained as a Deacon in 2005. John exhibited his passion to serve and play by rarely missing a service at LCM or at other churches. When LCM was traveling to other churches, he would insist that LCM confirm that the other church had equipment in place for him to play his bass. John was “have bass and amp will travel”.

He developed a love for music as a teenager and it stayed his passion throughout his life. He could jam for hour’s non-stop (loudly). If there was a jam session going on; he would grab his bass and join in. Just playing was not enough; he took classes to master his gift. John loved all types of music. He also loved fishing, video games and working on cars. He would give his last, he never wanted to see anyone hungry or in need. He was humble and a man of faith and always looks for the positive in any situation.

John leaves to cherish his memory; his mother, Geraldine Watts; his devoted Michele; his children, Tiffany Denise Staton and Jonathan Cornell Watts Jr.; his grandchildren, Arrin Talia and A’ryan Zachariah Brown; his siblings, Clayton Moreland, Nathan Watts, Timothy Watts, Veronica Watts-Young (James), Deborah Butler (Howard), Daniel Watts, Althea Watts, and Joseph Watts (Wanda). His devoted friends; Tony, Sam and Staten and a host of nieces, nephews, his Kernan family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 6. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
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Family Hour

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

APR 7. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jonathan C Watts*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Decon J. Watts I will miss you. Decon Watts loved Almighty God and trusted that Almighty God would save the people so much that he would take a hundred dollar bill break it in half and give it to a person , and tell them when you come and visit the house of God I will give you the other half. Decon Watts knew if they heard the word of God they would give their life to God he. Knew the word worked. Decon Watts was a great man of faith. Chief Apostle Dr. Love*

Chief Apostle Dr. Love - April 09, 2016 at 08:59 AM



“ *To the family of Jonathan Watts: I'm truly sorry for your loss and sorry I wasn't able to attend the services. Jonathan and I worked together for many years at Kernan Hospital. He was always kind and friendly, did an excellent job on the floors and spoke often of the Lord. May God comfort you as He promised in your loss, and in the knowledge that Jonathan is now resting in the Lord.*



Rhonda Williams - April 08, 2016 at 09:36 AM



Thank you. Debbie

Debbie Butler - December 27, 2016 at 10:28 AM

MM

“ *Mark Martinez lit a candle in memory of Jonathan C Watts*



Mark Martinez - April 05, 2016 at 09:47 PM

ML

“ *Monique Lucas lit a candle in memory of Jonathan C Watts*



Monique Lucas - April 05, 2016 at 04:14 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Jonathan C Watts.*



April 04, 2016 at 02:07 PM

MJ

“ *To the family of Johnathan C. Watts better known to me as " Johnny O ". That was a nick name that I gave him. He was a Coworker of mine until he had a demise in his health. I just wanted to let You All know that ya have My Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy. I am sorry for ya's loss.*



Michelle Jackson - April 02, 2016 at 11:16 AM



Debbie
Butler

Thank you so much. Debbie

Debbie Butler - December 27, 2016 at 10:27 AM

VB

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy. I pray that our Loving God will give your family strength and comfort during this difficult time. Isaiah 41:10*

Val B - March 31, 2016 at 10:45 PM



Debbie
Butler

Thank you. Debbie

Debbie Butler - December 27, 2016 at 10:29 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 - March 31, 2016 at 05:40 PM