

Obituary

John Lee Graham was born December 21, 1953, in Bloomingvale, South Carolina to Beatrice Jackson Graham and Elijah Graham. In 1958, the family moved to Rochester, New York where John attended Schools Number 3, 2, and graduated from James Madison High School.

He joined the United States Marine Corps, and served his country from June 28, 1974 until June 28, 1981. He continued his education through Monroe Community College to become a Fire Investigator. Upon successful completion of the program, he was employed at Gleason Works for a period of 10 years and also worked for the City of Rochester Parks Department.

John was married to Rosalind Graham for four years; no children were born to this union.

If you knew John, you know he was a quiet man who minded his own business. If you asked John a question, he would give you a direct “Yes” or “No” answer.

John transitioned his earthly life March 4, 2023, predeceased by his parents, Beatrice Jackson Graham and Elijah Graham; his brothers: Wesley Graham (January, 2000), Sam Graham (October, 2022), and his adopted brother, James “Sonny” Preston (July, 2009); his nephew, Tajmin “Taj” Thompson (July, 1998) and his niece, Jazmin “Jazzy” Graham (February, 2020).

John leaves to cherish his memory: his sisters: Janie Beale and Betty (Buck) Williams of Rochester, New York, and Bernetha Thompson of Andrews, South Carolina; nephews, Darryl Graham of Las Vegas, Nevada and Robert Ford Sr. of Rochester, New York; nieces: Eleanor Green, Karen (William) These, Shanita Ford, Enda Critten and Ebony Washington, along with a host of great-nephews and great-nieces, all of Rochester, New York; uncles: Charles Jackson and Wendell Jackson of Andrews, South Carolina, Calvin Jackson and Keith Jackson of Rochester, New York; aunts: Ophelia Jackson and Florine Terry of Rochester, New York, Joan McMillion, Alafie Grayson, Ceile Graham, Brenda (John) Myzick of Andrews, South Carolina, and Norbelene (Bishop Ronald) Ferguson of Bronx, New York. He also leaves a host of friends including his beloved friend of 29 years, Ms. Dottie Wright and her daughter, Chaundra Graham.



Order of Service

Minister Paulette Gatson, Officiating

Processional	Clergy
Prayer of Comfort	Deacon Perry Jackson
Scripture Readings	
➤ Old Testament: Psalms 23:1-4	Deacon James I. Battles
➤ New Testament: John 14:1-6	Minister Danielle Manley
Musical Selection	Dorothy Buchanan
Life Reflections	Darryl Graham Ashley Brown Jonathan Green
Reading of the Obituary and Acknowledgement of Condolences	Annette Battles
Musical Selection	Dorothy Buchanan
Words of Comfort	Pastor Sulie A. Jackson
Recessional	Clergy and Family

(Please remain seated until the Clergy and Family have left the Chapel)

Thank You



Graveside Military Service and Interment

Riverside Cemetery
2650 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14612

Pallbearers

Marie Green Edna Critten

Honorary Pallbearers

Darryl Graham Calvin McCray Calvin Jackson

Acknowledgement

The family deeply appreciates everyone who shared their love and sympathy during this difficult time. Your expressions of kindness have been a source of strength. We especially appreciate the Highland Hospital ICU and Observation Unit and the "Friends of Jefferson Avenue". May God bless each one of you!



~ The Graham and Jackson Families ~

"No Need to Cry"

My rehearsal on earth was finished!
The angels called my name from on high
God's cast was all awaiting
To take me home at last!

I didn't have time to say good-bye
Yes...I wanted to tarry a little
Just to complain and cry

But Jesus said,

"Come on, your chariot is waiting in the sky."

Oh, my role is short but sweet
It's perfect for the eye
I'm having lots of fun,
So there's no need for you to cry.

~ Leigh Jenkins ~



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In Loving Memory *Of*



JOHN LEE
GRAHAM

SUNRISE: December 21, 1953

SUNSET: March 4, 2023

Monday, March 13, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Metropolitan Chapel
109 West Avenue
Rochester, New York 14611

Minister Paulette Gatson, Officiating
Pastor Sulie A. Jackson, Eulogist