



John B. Franklin

September 17, 1934 - February 13, 2016

John Benjamin Franklin, after a long illness, departed this life on Saturday, February 13, 2016 peacefully at home, although the medics tried unsuccessfully to revive him. Hours before he passed, he said he made his peace with God and everything was okay.

John attended South Carolina State (now South Carolina University) in Orangeburg, South Carolina, where he was born on September 17, 1934. He served in the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic where he received the highest score to serve in that position ever achieved by anyone that had ever taken it. He was a member of the Pride of the Dover Lodge No. 1125, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World. John served as the Exalted Ruler of the Dover Elks from 1968-1978 and again in 1980. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

John retained his membership at his church in Orangeburg, SC, donating to it throughout his years and attending whenever he visited his hometown. On April 30, 1978, a testimonial and appreciation banquet was given to him by the Pride of the Dover Temple No. 784 for his outstanding leadership. John was also honored at a later banquet by Lacey Myers and one of his organizations. John was active in the Dover community for many years.

He was preceded in death by his son, Don Gregory Franklin; parents, Isaac Franklin, Sr. and Mamie Franklin and brothers, Monroe Franklin and Frank Franklin.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Palmer Franklin; son, Gerald Franklin;

grandson, Gerard E. Franklin of Philadelphia, PA; brothers, Walter Franklin (Dianne) of Springfield, MA, Hubert Franklin (Ilona) of Yonkers, NY and Isaac Franklin, Jr. of Orangeburg, SC; sister, Sarah Franklin Wilson (Eddie) of Detroit, MI; sisters-in-law, Doretha Solomon (John) of Philadelphia, PA, Eleanor Williams of Jacksonville, FL and Vandola Brown (Vernon) of Philadelphia, PA; brother-in-law, William Palmer (Ruth) of Seaford, DE; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Tribute Wall

MN

“ Please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief and may your entire family be strengthened and blessed at this time.
To my dearest friend Sarah Franklin-Wilson
you are in my prayers.

Marlene Newton - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. The bible gives us hope of seeing our loved ones again during the resurrection of the dead. Please read John 5:28&29 and Acts 24:15. Death is an enemy to mankind, but Almighty GOD promises that in the near future He is going to remove death, sickness and pain. (Revelation 21:3&4) Please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief and may your entire family be strengthened and blessed at this time.

Doretha Sampson - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Sincere condolences to the family of John Franklin. May God continue to bless you as you go through this difficult time.

Anita McDowell Boyer - February 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ May the God of comfort be with you at this most sorrowful time 2 Cor. 1:3,4 And may you find comfort in the promised resurrection of our dear loved ones. John 5:28,29

J. H. - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ To my Dearest Sister, Dorothy, I am deeply sorry for the loss of your husband and I am sorry that I, am unable to be with my Sister during your time of need and I, sincerely wish that I, could be there for you but my heart is with you and If it's the Lords will I, will come up North to visit you this Summer. With all of my love your Sister Eleanor Williams, from Jacksonville Florida

Elva S. Blocksom - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends of John. I am sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in our Heavenly Father's promise that "He will wipe out every tears from our eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." I hope these words bring you the comfort and peace that you need during your time of sorrow.

Jackie Reid - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Extending deepest sympathy to family and friends in this time of sorrow. Please take comfort in knowing that soon all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out (John 5:28,29). Until that blessed day, may the GOD of all comfort grant you peace (2 Cor. 1:3,4) while many fond memories of John warm your hearts.

A. Wingfield - February 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I would like to extend my sincere condolences, for the passing of your loved one. I hope you will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)when he will awaken those who are sleeping in death and restoring them back to life on the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4; John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43. Until that glorious time when. you are reunited with your loved one again; may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.- Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - February 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM