FOREVER LOVED...







WHEN I LOST YOU

I wish I could see you one more time, Come walking through the door... But I know that is impossibly, I will hear your voice no more. I know you can feel my tears And you don't want me to cry, Yet my heart is broken because I can't understand why someone So precious had to die. I pray that God will give me strength And somehow get me through... As I struggle with the heartache That came When I Lost You.

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John's Life...

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (REVELATIONS 14:13)

OHN ARDLEY CONE, affectionately known as "John, Johnny, Daddy, and Papa" was born in Thomasville, Georgia on October 18, 1934 to the union of the late James Cone and Jessie Cone. He is the last of two children. His oldest brother James Cone Jr. transitioned in 2010. John departed this life confidently in Fayetteville, North Carolina on August 19, 2020. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife, Cecelia Cone; five surviving children, Butch Cone, Patrice Glover, Zengeary Cone, Patrick Cone, Zanta Harris, and one step-daughter, Renee Perry; 20 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

We celebrate the life of John Ardley Cone, a dedicated servant of the Lord, a husband, father, brother, grandfather, great grandfather, and a friend. John lived a life of structure, Christian values, hard work, determination, compassion, love and generosity. The upbeat, happy, and caring John always put others before himself. As the scripture says, "Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than yourselves." (Phillipians 2:2-3)

Nearly 40 years ago, John accepted Christ as his personal savior and became a devoted Christian under the covenant of Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville,

NC. Later, John joined as a member of the male choir. Proudly, bravely, and passionately John also served as a strong, selfless soldier in the United States Army where he later retired after 26 years of service. Not to mention, John also retired from Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC and volunteered at the local recreation centers for the youth. As the pillar of strength and monarch of his family he bravely overcame several significant trials. John had a very optimistic outlook on life and believed that, "All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). John will be best remembered for his contagious laughter and humor, the love, enjoyment and passion he possessed for all his family and friends, and most importantly the substantial amount of great deeds he committed himself too. John was loved by all and often shared encouraging words no matter how he may have been feeling. He was qualified for the scripture, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for henceforth, yea, saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Revelations 14:13)

Though John's time with us feels too short, God called home one of His strongest, influential soldiers to live amongst paradise with Him; to walk in the newness of life, to be in His glorious body and live on again. "So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)