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Hopewell Baptist Church
Dad,

The fight is finally over
No more pain and suffering
No more aches and swells

I have enough memories to hold on to until we meet again
You left behind a voice that could never be forgotten and you could out talk a
crowd

I’m blessed for the 19 years we shared together
I thank God that I was able to help you when you needed me
You may not be here physically but you will always be in my heart
Love always,
“Your Pooper Dinker”

My dearest Muff,
It was love at first sight, six weeks later we were walking down
the aisle.

We had our good times together and created beautiful off
spring and I will be forever grateful for that gift. Life will be
very different without you here. You showed me so much
strength at your weakest moments. Rest in Peace, no more pain
You will be missed
Lawrenette

Pall bearers
Donald Mayfield Andrew Wilson
Leon Wilson Michael Bonner
Terry Massey Daryl Massey

Acknowledgment

The family of John L. Payton wishes to express our deepest
appreciation and sincere thanks for all the kindness shown
during this time of bereavement.

Auspices
T.L Pickens Mortuary Service

Celebration of life

FOR

John L. Payton

SUNRISE
10/13/56
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2012
WAKE 11:00 AM
FUNERAL 12:00 PM
HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH
1301 FILLMORE AVENUE
BUFFALO NY, 14211

SUNSET
01/03/12
REV.DR. DENNIS LEE JR., PASTOR OFFICIATING
Obituary

John Payton was born on October 13th, 1956 in Covington, Kentucky to the late John Rush and Wanda Payton. At a very young age he was adopted by the late Robert Payton.

John resided in the Washington DC area as a youth where he attended the DC public school system. After graduating he served his country for 6 years in the army as a Drill Sergeant.

After serving time in the military John moved to Atlanta, GA, where he worked in a warehouse and drove trucks.

In 1991 John came to Buffalo to visit and that's where he met Gladys L. Walker. On July 17, 1991 they united in holy matrimony.

While relocating to Buffalo, NY with his family for a better life, John worked as a tractor trailer driver. He owned Diamonds tavern where John was called Big John. Big John was the owner of Real Clean Carpet Clean and Janitorial Services.

Big John loved spending time with family and friends, especially with his granddaughter Alanah who she affectionately called Pa-Pa. Also, he loved to watch his grandson play all little league sports. He was a die heart Washington Redskin fan. Big John was the life of any gathering, he knew how to tell a story and his voice was so unique that everyone would listen and laugh. John would go to church with his mother in-law occasionally and in February 2011 he confessed Christ and joined the Hopewell Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Lee.


Order of Service

Invocation
Pastor Dennis Lee Jr.

Selection
Choir

Scripture Reading
Old Testament Psalms 23


Solo
Sharone Lewis

Remarks
2 minutes

Obituary

Acknowledgements

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Pastor Dennis Lee Jr.

Interment
St. Matthews Cemetery

You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he lived
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left
Your heart can be empty because you can’t see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he wants
SMILE, OPEN YOUR EYES, LOVE AND GO ON