



## John Washington

January 25, 1950 - October 28, 2020

John Washington was born in Chicago on January 25, 1950 to the union of Jacob and Georgia Washington. John is the second oldest of 9 children. He is preceded in death by his father Jacob Washington, his mother Georgia Washington, mother in-law Dorothy Thrower, brother Leonard Washington, sisters Joyce Coleman, Sharon Hardy and Charmain Scott. He is survived by his wife Iris Washington, daughter Christina Thompson, son-in-law Sidney Thompson, granddaughter Shaelyn Thompson, brothers Joseph, Paul (Marie), Randy (Brenda), and Steven (Valencia) Washington. He is also survived by his brother and sister in-laws and a host of nieces and nephews.

John dedicated his life to Jehovah and was baptized on November 27, 1967. He was a student of the Bible who enjoyed the ministry. John had the privilege of being trained by both older brothers and sisters and he used that training to help and train others. John would go to marry the love of his life Iris Thrower on February 27, 1971 and from that union they would have their only child Christina.

John served nearly 50 years as an Elder. He also served as a Regular Pioneer on several occasions during his over 53 years of dedicated service. He had the privilege to serve with so many brothers on various bodies of Elders as well as Pioneers. He also aided many in the truth through his activity in the field ministry and performed several baptismal talks as well as

directed three Bible dramas and assisted in many others on both Circuit Assemblies and Regional Conventions.

John loved to cook and travel, he spent several years preparing meals for volunteers at the Romeoville Assembly Hall. He also had the joy of feeding many on RBC and LDC projects. John's true passion was his desire to help people and looked at being an Elder as a privilege and great responsibility towards Jehovah, because he understood that the friends in the congregation was Jehovah's sheep and how he treated them was a direct reflection on his relationship and love for Jehovah.

John was a loving husband, provider and great supporter of his family. John always wanted to be a parent, a father and on June 28, 1972 that dream became a reality when Christina was born. John and Christina had developed a bond so strong over the years that he trusted her with everything. He was so proud to see her grow and develop into a fine young lady who on January 23, 1987 dedicated her life to Jehovah. Christina eventually got married to Sidney Thompson. John enjoyed and approved of that union so much that him and Sidney became more than In-laws, they became the best of friends, and from that union of Christina and Sidney, John became a grandfather on February 18, 2002. If you thought Christina made him proud, Shaelyn Marcella Thompson would become his pride and joy. John was so instrumental in her development as well and had the joy of seeing her also dedicate her life to Jehovah on July 14, 2018.

John had a close-knit family and he had so many close and dear friends but the person who had the greatest impact on John's life was his lovely wife Iris. John loved Iris so much that he would always say with terms of endearment that she was his buddy and the love of his life. He knew it was because of Iris's love for him and the friends, that he was able to serve in the capacity he did. She was so self sacrificing of her husband. They both enjoyed sewing

and making clothes. They had the privilege of making countless wedding gowns, dresses and a host of drama outfits. John would say that Iris smile could light up a room and her laugh was that of an innocent child. John loved to study the Bible with Iris and in their spare time they also loved playing cards together.

What John would like to remind us all, is that it is not how you are born nor whom you are born to, but it's what you do with the life that's given you. John chose to live a life dedicated to Jehovah God the creator of all things. It was John's love for Jehovah that drove and motivated him to touch our lives and now John can rest knowing he finished the course God gave him and for that he's etched in Jehovah's memory. As John would often say remain loyal to Jehovah, fight the fine fight and never give up and if you so happen to fall asleep in death, no worries because the great doctor Jesus will wake us up in his due time and that, God has promised.

### Order of Service

Chairman .....	Darrell Rosenthal
Song 151 (Job 14:13–15).....	He Will Call
Obituary .....	Ronald Braswell
Discourse .....	Thomas Smith Jr.
Closing Remarks .....	Sidney Thompson
Song 139 (Revelation 21: 1-5).....	See Yourself When All Is New
Prayer .....	Tommy Rainey

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Online via Zoom

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Washington*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Iris, Christina, Sydney and their beautiful daughter. Brother Washington was so kind to me as a child; I remember telling Christina that he was the only person I would agree to with with as a child besides my mom. My mother, Sister Crockett, would play the character of Ruth in Bible dramas that he not only directed, but sewed the costumes for. I remember as a little girl sitting in the rehearsals watching them, loving every minute. What a joy it was to know him, and we can't wait to welcome him back.*

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**Eunice McPhee** - November 29, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Washington Family - We greatly enjoyed his company in our congregation and we look forward to renewing our friendship with him in the world to come - Eddis and Lori Jeferson*

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**Lori Jefferson** - November 28, 2020 at 02:16 PM

PR

“ I met John and Iris in 1983 at Smithtown congregation. I will always remember you both because of the smile on your faces. My 2 children Anthony and Cara enjoyed you both, made us feel comfortable, we had moved to Chicago from Detroit. Then we moved out to Hazel Crest. Every time we saw you all had a smile. My memories of you both I will always remember. I was Pat Crawford when I met you all, got married a year ago to Donald Garland and now I'm Pat Ragland. You have my deepest sympathy. I am so sorry I just found out about John's passing away. I live in Tallahassee Florida if you ever come this way let me know at 614-302-6920.

*Pat Ragland*

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**Pat Ragland** - November 28, 2020 at 01:13 PM

SD

“ Always enjoyed working with John & Iris in service. John was a very hard worker in the kitchen on Mondays at the Assembly Hall. His infectious and joyful laugh will be missed. Look forward to hearing that laugh very soon, we'll hear it in a crowd and know he's back :) Much love to Iris, Christina, Sid, Shae & families - Mike & Stephanie Dedic

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**STEPHANIE DEDIC** - November 28, 2020 at 10:21 AM

JC

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Jimmy & Carole** - November 27, 2020 at 10:49 PM

DM

“ John was a loving and hard-working brother. Until we meet again in the New World, he will be truly missed.

Dock Moore - November 27, 2020 at 08:20 PM

SJ

Our hearts go out to Iris and christine as well as her family. Look ahead, soon we will see our dear brother again, happy and healthy. Sister Bernadine Jackson and Daughter Sister Nicole L.S Jackson-Stennett and Family.

Sister Bernadine M. Jackson - November 28, 2020 at 03:04 PM

HT

“ John was one of the warmest, Compassionate person you could meet he could laugh with you and he could cry with you. I truly loved him and look forward to seeing him in Paradise. Condolences to Iris, Christine and Sydney. love you all. Cousin Henry and Lynn

Henry Taylor - November 27, 2020 at 06:36 PM

RV

“ You were a wonderful person who made me very happy all the time. I will remember and cherish the time we spent together, and introducing to me my lovely wife Veronica of 33 years and counting.

"See You In Paradise"

Your forever dear friend,  
Rodney Edmonds



Rodney & Veronica - November 25, 2020 at 11:53 AM

DR

“ We will truly miss John and his amazing macaroni and cheese. He was a very special person. He was always so generous in offering help. Condolences to the family.  
Love, Carlos and Debbie Rivera

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**debbie rivera** - November 24, 2020 at 01:47 PM

DR

“ John was very special. We will miss him and especially his macaroni and cheese. He was always so generous in offering to give to others. Loved him, Debbie and Carlos Rivera.

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**Debbie Rivera** - November 24, 2020 at 12:55 PM

JW

“ My deepest sympathies and condolences to you Iris and Christina on this lost. I have so many memories of good times spent with you and John during our time together at the Southtown Congregation. So looking forward to reuniting with John when he wakes up from his nap in a peaceful new world.

Warm Christian Love,

Janice Worsham

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**Janice Worsham** - November 23, 2020 at 01:37 PM

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“ Christiana, my prayers are with you and your family. Irene

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**Irene Kelly** - November 22, 2020 at 09:50 PM