



John Best Bey

February 8, 1947 - December 21, 2023

Celebrating the Life of John Best Bey

Sunrise: February 8, 1947

Sunset: December 21, 2023

“And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23:66

Celebration of Life

Thursday, January 4, 2024

Viewing: 9 A.M. Service: 10 A.M.

The Faith Center

4600 N. Royal Atlanta Drive

Tucker, GA 30084

Vincent T. Campbell, Pastor

John's Life Story

John Best Bey was born to the late Mattie Mae Best Bey and Charles Best Bey on February 8, 1947. He was educated in the School District of Philadelphia, where he graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in 1965. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1966, and served four years of active duty and two additional years in the reserves. He was honorably discharged in 1972. Thereafter, John was employed at the Philadelphia Gas Works, where he worked for 35 years, starting at the very bottom of the company and rising to the rank of a plant supervisor until retirement.

On April 6, 1974, John was united in marriage to the former Beverly Leona Bryce at Miller Memorial Baptist Church (MMBC). Together, they raised two beautiful daughters, Rhonda Bey and Felicia Phillips. On March 16, 1980, John, who was raised as a Moorish American, accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior and on April 6, 1980, he was baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, in accordance with the Word of God. He received the Right Hand of Fellowship and was welcomed as a member of MMBC on April 13, 1980.

John continued to faithfully attend MMBC with his wife and family for over a decade. In the mid-90s, he and Beverly joined Christian Stronghold Church. The two could be seen worshiping God on the balcony each Sunday, actively participating in weekly cell group meetings and serving together on the

condolences committee. Prior to leaving Philadelphia in 2019, John and his family attended Dare to Imagine Church, and became partners at the Faith Center after relocating to Georgia later that year.

John was a hard-working man who took his role as husband, father, provider and protector extremely seriously. When he was not at work, he enjoyed singing, listening to smooth jazz and watching his favorite Philadelphia sports teams, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Philadelphia 76ers. He also visited the gym faithfully, walking the indoor track at LA Fitness 3 times a week. Before Uber and Lyft, there was John, the only licensed driver in a home full of women who had lots of activities and an aversion to public transportation. And while he was a man of very few words, when he did open his mouth, it was usually to crack a joke, or in his later years to encourage those around him to "Have a blessed one!"

Left to cherish the precious memories of John Best Bey are: his wife of nearly 50 years, Beverly; his two daughters, Rhonda Bey and Felicia Phillips (Robert); five grandchildren, Felicia Bey, Kyra Phillips, Janae Davis, John Davis and Kaitlyn Phillips; his brothers, Joseph Best Bey Sr. (Georgia) and Nathaniel Best Bey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his mother, Mattie Best Bey, his father, Charles Best Bey, his brothers: Charles Best Bey Jr., Norman Best Bey, Elihu Best Bey, Rovanna Best Bey, and Salone Best Bey; and his sisters Venus Best Bey and Eunice Tillman.

Lovingly submitted, The Family

Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett @ Sons Funeral Home, Gwinnett Chapel, 914 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 30045. (770) 338-5558.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive
Canton, Ga 30114

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Faith Center
4600 North Royal Atlanta Drive
Tucker, GA 30084-3830

Tribute Wall

RW

“ My Uncle Johnny was a very kind man. He always made us feel welcome whenever we went to visit him. We had Thanksgiving at his home. We all met up in New Jersey and went to Six Flags. Whenever I flew up to Phiily he let my cousin Rhonda take the car to pick me up from the Airport. When it was time to leave, they all came to the Airport to bid me Farwell. He drove 4 hours to visit me and my family. His personality was alot like my fathers. Always smiling and telling jokes. Great since of humor. Prayers to my Aunt Beverly and my cousins. Love your Niece Regina

Regina Marie Wright - January 04, 2024 at 11:12 AM

FP

Beautiful memories Regina. Thanks for sharing.

Felicia R. Phillips - January 05, 2024 at 11:13 AM

RB

“ Remembering how my uncle used to take me from North Philly to West Philly every week because he loved my aunt Beverly just that much. No matter what time of day when nae was ready to go home..he was right there. It didn't stop there, when I had Ebony he would take us both home. He was the man that would not complain when my aunt wanted to have her great neice Ebony for the weekend and sometimes for weeks however, he never complained. He accepted us from day one..why, because he loved my aunt Bev just that much. Thank you John, you served a great purpose to all. You will be missed

Renee Bryce-Young - January 04, 2024 at 10:43 AM

FP

Thanks Renee. Beautiful memories.

Felicia R. Phillips - January 05, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Best Bey.* ”



January 02, 2024 at 03:23 PM