



John Alton Gamble

September 10, 1957 - August 28, 2021

John Alton Gamble was born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Tuesday, September 10, 1957 to the late Edward “Buster” Gamble and Shever Bossard. To this union ten (10) children were born: Eddie, Annie, Reader, Thomas, John, Darlene, Vernetta, Larry, Delores, and Willie (Steve). Two of his sisters, Reader and Darlene preceded him in death.

John was educated in the Broward County School System graduating from Boyd Anderson High School in 1976, during that time John was also able to complete his certification program in landscaping, while attending Atlantic Vocational Technical School. He trained for years, as a karate student, he mastered the art and eventually advanced to a black belt. John later went on to start his career, and enlisted in the United States Army in 1976.

As a child, John attended Mount Calvary Baptist Church where he was baptised, at an early age. He later attended Church of Christ Holiness Unto the Lord, where he served for 20 plus years in various capacities. He faithfully served wherever he was needed. Later changing his membership to the Faith Center in Fort Lauderdale Florida, until his relocation to Atlanta in 2015. Upon relocating, he became a member of Shaw Temple African Methodist Episcopal in Austell, Georgia where he was later nominated and confirmed as a Steward.

On October 21, 1978 John married Louise Smith and to this union were born 2 biological children: Tamieka Nicole, who preceded him in death and Takellia Louise. Their love for God first and for each other secured their union for 42 wonderful years.

John worked as a journeyman for 32 and a half years in the Broward County School System at Lauderdale Lakes Middle School. He was also an entrepreneur while in Florida owning a catering, lawn care, and construction business. His entrepreneurial spirit began at the age of 13 where he worked his first job at Turner's Corner, thus creating a passion of working with his hands.

John in his leisure time enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling around the world with loved ones, and cooking. But most of all, John truly enjoyed spending quality time with his grandson Tyler. Traveling, shopping, and weekly breakfast and lunch outings were the norm, between John Alton and Tyler John. Tyler enjoyed his time with Papa and Papa enjoyed his time with Tyler. This was truly his life's enjoyment!

His favorite pastimes included watching old western cowboy movies, repairing things around the house, talking on the phone with his siblings, planning his next "get away", grilling on Reader's Grill, landscaping, working with his tools, making new memories with the family, and eating Kellia's cooking.

John was well-known in his community for his love of people, always wanting others and those around him to be at ease and just enjoy themselves. He always wanted to lend a helping hand; being very resourceful, and being an encouragement to others. He taught many young men in the community trades, taking them in as mentees and being very instrumental in their upbringing, being a "father figure" to many.

John's life and legacy will live on in those left to mourn; wife of 42 years,

Louise Smith Gamble; one daughter; Takellia (Billy) Glover; Sisters: Annie Gamble Mobley (Thomas), Vernetta Gamble McCray, and Delores Gamble Staten; Brothers: Eddie Lee Gamble, Thomas Gamble, Larry Jerome Gamble (Jacqueline), and Willie Steve Gamble; Sister-in-laws: Betty Jean Lovette, Josie Tiggs, Shirley Tiggs, and Sabrina Hatch; Brother-in-laws: Leslie Tiggs, Louis Tiggs, and Robert Smith; grandchild; Tyler John Cunigan; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, several best friends and many others that were very dear to him.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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

Celebration of Life

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy.
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
(770) 338-5558
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Thinking about you & my Hunny Bunny today. I know you're with us forever & always!💙

Jessica Staten - February 09, 2024 at 10:16 AM

MR

“ Uncle Clay I'ma miss your laugh your dance especially u beening on the grill gone to soon but God knows best until we meet again give my mom a kiss for me💔😭💔

Monica Roberts - September 15, 2021 at 10:32 PM

DM

“ Uncle Clay I remember when we used to dance together and you always told me to keep dancing even though you out danced me I loved your food on the grill especially your pork souce uncle clay RIP you will be surely missed and I Love You Family 😍

Debbie Mobley - September 15, 2021 at 10:23 PM

DS

“ My beloved brother John, it's still so hard and painful to accept that you presence on this side has come to an end. I will forever cherish the memories that we made together. Sleep on and take your rest, I will always love you! Your baby sis... Lady Dee 💔

Delores Gamble Staten - September 15, 2021 at 10:03 PM

SW

“ Clay you will truly be missed by so many your smile and sense of humor was Contagious continue to make everyone up in heaven smile laugh guess your keep the barbecue grill going doing what you do best. Sheila

sheila wade - September 09, 2021 at 06:12 PM

CH

“ Chris lit a candle in memory of John Alton Gamble



Chris - September 07, 2021 at 04:26 PM

CH

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Gamble family. John my not be here physically, but his memory will forever be in our hearts.

Chris - September 07, 2021 at 04:29 PM

CC

“ Cheryl & Ulysses Cooper, and Dr. Gale Schell send our sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family! May God grant you all supernatural strength and a “peace beyond all understanding.” Rest In Peace John!

Cheryl Cooper - September 04, 2021 at 12:40 PM

KM

“ John, you will truly miss you were a Great Son, Brother Husband, Father, Granddad, Uncle, cousin and friend. A faithful Man of God .
A true Servant. I can taste some of your finger licking ribs hot off the grill. Rest on my brother 🙏 Kathy

Kathy Matthews - September 03, 2021 at 08:07 PM

ML

“ John had a very caring heart, loved his family, Did so much to help people. He will truly be missed. Prayers to the family may God give you the strength you need to get you thru

mert lowrey - September 03, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Alton Gamble.



September 02, 2021 at 06:49 PM

CL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cynthia Lee - September 02, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Alton Gamble.*



September 02, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *Nancy, Kathleen, Chris and LaShon purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of John Alton Gamble.*



Nancy, Kathleen, Chris and LaShon - September 02, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ *I will always love and miss you uncle clay sad to see you gone*

Shayla Gamble - September 02, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ *It was mind-numbing and sad to hear the news of your untimely death. Losing you, no doubt, was a big loss to everyone and anyone that has ever met you. However, the beautiful moments you shared with everyone will always speak of the great person that you were. I will miss your bright smile and infectious laugh that always made me laugh and smile. Though you are not here anymore, your legacy and memories will always be kept alive in our family talks, in our memories, in our hearts, and in everything we share. You will forever be missed and loved always. Your Niece Melissa Mobley*

Melissa Mobley - September 01, 2021 at 10:29 PM

RF

“ John(Clay) was my classmate and childhood friend. He was nice, caring and the life of any party. We went to Rock Island, Everglades, and Boyd Anderson High School together. He was a great friend to me and my late husband Tim. He was apart of the 20th Street Family. Clay was a brother to me and my family. Rest well my friend until we meet again. Love Pat Jacobs and the Oliver Family.

Ruby Fisher - September 01, 2021 at 09:57 PM

KA

“ Uncle Clay, I will miss your smile and humor. I know you are dancing and smiling now. Thank you for always being a man of honor and fun.



Kayla - September 01, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ Cousin Clay, I will miss your wonderful care free personality. Always ready to help and render service without any charge. I remember you all came up visiting me and my grandmother. My grass needed cutting and you said "girl where is your lawn mower while yall sitting here talking I can go out and mow the yard." I said i don't have one. You said if I knew your yard needed to be cut I would have thrown my lawn mower on the back of the truck. It was just like you wanting to help. I will surely miss you and that wonderful laugh of yours. Hug my grandmother for me. You know she always said, "this my boy". Till we meet again, SIP. Love💜

Mary Thomas - September 01, 2021 at 08:41 PM

JS

“ Uncle Clay, you were one of a kind! I'll miss the possibility of making new memories with you. I'll miss your world famous ribs & homemade sauce. I'll miss that funny laugh & those loud & silent killers!!😂 You were loved by everyone that encountered you. You were a kindred spirit & the life of every function. Thank you for always being there EVERY SINGLE TIME I needed you. You never told me "no". I take bitter comfort in knowing that the memories we share, will never be forgotten. I love you a bunch & I'm sorry I didn't say it to you more. You will be missed.

Love, your "baby sis's" baby,
Jessica 💙

P.S.: This one really hurt your baby sis, unc! 💔



Jessica Staten - August 31, 2021 at 02:00 PM

LH

i'm really going to miss that smile and your jokes you were so intelligent you were so generous and kind to anyone you showed so much respect and concern for anyone that was having a bad day you were a man among the best husband , father, brother, son your mother did an amazing job i asked you are you sure we are blood relatives you laughed and said thats

what your mama said and you had everyone around laughing you were always very special to me because you would comfort me you were my angel for real i was always sad but after just being in your and your brother steve's present i would laugh so that i would forget what was bothering me no matter how much you had you stayed down to earth never looked down on me as i struggled for so many years you offered to help always but i said your love is more than enough you encouraged me to get to where i am now and i thank you my sweet cousin i will hurt over your passing but we all must take this journey Rip clay angel of mine i love you

Lorene Harvin - September 01, 2021 at 11:03 PM