



Rev. John A. Nash

January 2, 1947 - November 3, 2018

John Al Nash, was born on the Southside of Chicago in 1947 to John and Anna Mae Nash. John was the second born of four siblings. The family would later move to the Westside where he attended Mason Elementary school. In 1966 he graduated from Faragut High School. John's father was an auto mechanic and a master body and fender repairman. His mother was a beautician - tint and dye specialist.

John was a member of Tabernacle church, pastored by Rev. Milton Brunson. With the turbulent community challenges coupled with problems in his home, John decided to join the U.S. Air Force.

John stated that God used his enlistment to help him become aware that God loves all races of people, to expand his ability to teach and train in multi-racial situations and to encourage him to commit the rest of his life in ministry to others.

On April 23, 1969, while singing in the Air force choir, John accepted the invitation to accept Christ as His Lord and Savior. Soon he joined "The Navigators", a para-church organization committed to raising up disciples for Christ.

In 1970, upon discharge from the Air Force he continued his education at Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, NC. In 1974, he graduated with a BS in Elementary Education. John Nash was instrumental in developing a Black college ministry for "The Navigators" and he became one of the primary leaders. Later upon graduation, God relocated John to Atlanta and he

continued his work at Clark Atlanta University. He would see many students come to Christ.

During this period he joined WestHills Presbyterian church and met Kathy Harris, one of the youth leaders. This relationship became a friendship that blossomed into marriage. In 1976 John joined the staff of Mayor Maynard Jackson as a community liaison. John was responsible for establishing the prayer room that is located in the Hartsfield Jackson International Airport. In 1981 with the persuasion of his pastor, he enrolled in the Interdenominational Theological Center and graduated with a MDiv (Masters of Divinity) in 1984. Rev. Nash was led to join the Christian Reform Church and pursued further theological studies at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids Michigan. He returned to Atlanta in 1985 and started Christ Community Church in the Greenbrier area. He later merged with Calvary Missionary Alliance in Stone Mountain GA.

From the bidding of Dr. John Hammond, John joined the staff at Beulah Bible College. John had a passion to heal broken families because of what he had witnessed growing up. He designed a unique curriculum and taught Marriage and Family studies. In 2011, Cathedral of Faith in Tucker GA, Church of Christ Holiness of the USA, called John to become the pastor. Later the church's name was changed to New Beginnings International Worship Center and moved to its present location in McDonough, GA.

He was known affectionately as "Dr. Nash." Everyone knew the professor who would run around the classroom in his tennis shoes, always ready to pray and would say "Amen Walls" when he did not get a response.

After a two year battle with cancer, John passed on to receive his crown on November 3, 2018. John is survived by his beloved wife, Jeanne "Kathy" Nash, sons Jonathan "David" Nash (Faith), Damien Nash and Julien Nash, brother Vernon Nash (Gloria) and sister Kathy Clark (Al) along with family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Rev. John A. Nash 71 of McDonough Ga passed away on November 3, 2018.

Celebration of Life Services will be held at New Mercies Christian Church, 4000 Five Forks Trickum Rd. Lilburn Ga. on Saturday November 10, 2018 at 1:00 PM. He will be laid to rest Green Meadows Cemetery. Wake services will be held from 6:30PM to 830 PM on Friday November 9, 2018 at New Mercies Christian Church.

Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, South DeKalb Chapel. 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy Decatur Ga 30034. 404-241-5656.

Cemetery Details

Green Meadows Memorial Garden

677 Legion Rd NE
Conyers, GA 30012

Previous Events

Wake Service

NOV 9. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

New Mercies Christian Church
4000 Five Forks Trickum Rd SW
Lilburn, GA

Celebration of Life

NOV 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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