



## Mr. Nathaniel Washington Sr.

August 19, 1936 - March 25, 2015

Nathaniel (“Smokey”, “Johnell”, “Nate”, “John”) Washington, Sr. was born to the late Nathan Washington and Alberta Harris Washington on August 19, 1936 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Nathaniel accepted the Lord and was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church by the late Reverend Lawrence Landrum, Sr. in New Orleans, LA. At Ebenezer he worked with Pastor Landrum ministering to the sick in hospitals and nursing homes. He became a member of the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church in New Orleans, LA subsequent to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 under the ministerial leadership of Reverend Ronnie Vinson, Pastor.

He loved his Pastors whom he served under. He also loved his church homes, but most importantly, the truly loved the Lord and gave untiring, diligent service with his time and finances.

Nathaniel received his education at Craig Elementary School. He stopped attending school in the 11th grade to assist his family by working. He was a life-long resident of New Orleans, LA until relocating with his family to Atlanta, GA as a result of Katrina. He made many close friends after his settling into Georgia.

He worked at the 7-Up soft drink plant as a Packer and retired after over 42 years’ service as a Mechanical Technician Foreman with Boh Brothers Construction Company in New Orleans. Nathaniel also worked as a driver working for Quest Diagnostics Laboratory delivering and picking up specimen as well as a Driver in the transportation services provided by his daughter Denise’s child care services in Atlanta.

Nathaniel also worked for more than five years as a freelance photographer alongside his brother-in-law, Arthur, working at weddings, parties and special events. He was a life time member of the Longshoremen Labor Union and worked as a union organizer.

He went home to be with the Lord on March 25, 2015. His favorite scripture was the 23rd Psalm. His favorite hymns were Walk around Heaven All Day and Stand by Me.

He was a fun loving man, generous of spirit and kind to everyone. He never met a stranger. Everyone knew he was the first, last and only die hard Saints fan. The apples of his eye are Denise, John-John, his grandchildren, Ashley, Dominique, and Shawntrice, as well as his great grandson, Bentley Nathaniel.

Nathaniel was preceded in death by his parents, Nathan and Alberta Harris Washington, son, Nathaniel ("John-John"), brothers, Herman and James Washington, and sisters, Dorothy W. Caliste, Bertha W. Hall, and Roseanna W. Nash. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Doris Simpson Washington, daughter, Denise W. Addison, grand children, Ashley and Dominique Harris and Shawntrice James, and great grandson, Bentley Nathaniel Harris, sisters, Mary Lee Jacobs (Juno), and Georgia Collins, and one brother, Clarence Washington. He also is survived by five sisters-in-law, June C. Washington, Sandra Washington, Emelda S. Gould, Barbara Simpson, four brother-in-law, Otho Nash, Sr., Arthur Simpson, and George Simpson. He has a host of nieces, nephews, cousin, friends and family who mourn his loss. He will be sadly missed by all of us who were blessed to have him grace our lives.

Funeral Services for Mr. Washington will be held 11:00AM Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Mount Tabor Baptist Church, 4128 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122. Reverend Ronnie Vinson, Officiating. Interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery, New Orleans, LA. Viewing is 10:00AM-8:00PM Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at Gregory B. Levett & Sons SOUTH DEKALB Chapel. Services in LA entrusted to Duplain Rhodes Funeral Home, New Orleans, LA. Services in GA entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA 30034 (404) 241-5656

# Tribute Wall

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“ During this difficult time be encouraged by the Bible's promise that God is a source of comfort in times of distress. 2Cor 1:3,4

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**A.Brown** - June 13, 2015 at 12:24 PM

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“ To Doris and Denise:

*“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have.*

*Praying for Grace, Peace, Mercy and strength to help you along the way. Love all of you, Olivia Fontenot and Family*

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**Olivia** - March 30, 2015 at 10:57 PM

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“ May you all gain comfort as you keep in mind...God made a provision to restore life to ones who fall asleep in death when "He sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might gain life through him." (1 John 4:9). Jesus assures us..."I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." (John 11:25)

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**Beulah Parks** - March 28, 2015 at 09:59 AM