

## Homegoing Celebration for John L. Faison



Sunrise - April 30, 1930  
Sunset - May 19, 2006

John was born in North Little Rock, Ark. on April 30, 1930, to the union of Sylvester P. Faison and Lois B. (Allen) Faison. He was preceded in death by father, Sylvester P. Faison, and mother, Lois B. Allen (Faison-Pree), brother, Apollo Faison, and great-grandson, Jonathan Edwards.

John was known as John L. to family and friends. He was baptized and accepted Christ at an early age. John attended Long and Howard Kennedy elementary schools and Technical and South high schools. He excelled in football and was fond of saying he participated in some of Omaha's sport history between South High and Creighton Prep in September 1947 where more than 10,000 fans attended.

After high school John served in the U.S. Navy. He received the China Service Medal and the Japanese Occupation medals. In 1950 John met and married Joanna F. Araujo in Newport, R.I. To this union six children were born - three daughters and three sons: Joset Williams, Yvette Taylor, Tony Faison, Juanelle Faison, Jero Faison and Allen Faison.

John was employed at the Veterans Administration Hospital for 26 years. During John's course of service he received numerous meritorious awards - three outstanding, two superior and two quality increase awards. His accommodations and promotions advanced him to being the first African-American EKG technician in Omaha.

John was a member of New Bethel COGIC. He was a good and faithful servant, worshipping and praising the Lord.

After he retired in 1985, John went to work at the Methodist Hospital

part-time for six years. John stated being employed at Methodist Hospital was the most rewarding and enjoyable time of his working career.

John leaves to mourn his passing wife, Joanna F. Faison; six children: daughter, Joset Williams of Dallas, Texas, daughter and son-in-law, Yvette and Joe Taylor, son, Tony Faison, daughter, Juanelle Faison, son, Jero Faison, son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Vernita Faison; brother, James Faison; four sisters, Margaret King-Shearron of Denver, Colo., Hasin Bey-Muhammad of Cleveland, Ohio, Carol (Herbert) Norris of Redford, Mich., Paula Johnson of Kingwood, Texas; nine grandchildren, Joseph (Chris) Taylor of Denver, Colo., Mia Edwards of Mesquite, Texas, Jamaal Faison, Josette Taylor, Allen Faison, Jared Faison, Steven Brown of W. Covina, Calif., Kendra Faison and Alanna Faison; seven great-grandchildren, Jack Edwards, Joseph Taylor, Jr., Sequoia Miller-Faison, Mariah Whites, Jaya Lozano-Faison, Jara Miller-Faison and Nadia Joiner; dear cousin, Alfred Allen, and a host of relatives and friends.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat  
quietly in a chair  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece. If so,  
we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words  
as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our  
hearts,  
We thank you so - whatever the  
part.  
May God bless you.

Faison Family

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