

Life Reflections

John Thomas Zellous went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 8th, 2020. He passed away at the age of 91. John lived a magnificent life filled with deep love and heartfelt laughter. He was born in Gwinnett County Georgia on January 30, 1929, to Frazier and Hancy Lucas Zellous. He was one of four children: Ozella Zellous, Mary Louis Zellous and Tim Zellous who preceded him in death. He leaves behind his wife Kathryn Zellous (Miss Kitty), children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends.

John was a long-time member of Antioch East Baptist Church in Atlanta where he sang in the choir and was a part of many ministries.

John attended Ben Hill Elementary colored school in Ben Hill Georgia until the 7th grade. He attended Booker T. Washington high school until the 9th grade and then went to work to help his family.

John later joined the Army where he gained the title of Combat Infantry Corporal during the Korean War. He was a part of one of the first all-black battalions, the 25th Infantry Division. He was honorably discharged from the Army in October 1952.

John loved to cook, garden, fish and just have fun socializing. Before he passed away, he talked about all the wonderful times he had with people and many of the things he saw in his 91 years of life. He could remember things that happened as far back as when he was a baby. He said that his favorite food as a child was strawberry shortcake that his mom cooked for him.

For anyone who knew John and loved him, his presence will be deeply missed.

*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour:
yet what I shall choose I wot not.
For I am in a strait betwixt two,
having a desire to depart,
and to be with Christ; which is far better:*