



John Albert Eldridge Sr.

April 8, 1939 - March 26, 2023

John Albert Eldridge was born in Bentonville, NC on April 8, 1939 to the late Henry Oliver Eldridge and Velma Monk Eldridge. He transitioned from earth to glory on March 26, 2023.

John spent his early years in NC where he adopted an incredible work ethic. His father passed away when John was young, and as the eldest of five children, he stepped up to help provide for his mother Velma and his four younger siblings. It wasn't easy, but John was determined to be a blessing to his family.

John was educated in the North Carolina School System and moved to New Haven in the late 50's during The Great Migration. Upon arrival in New Haven, John joined his brother William Henry and several cousins as an employee of Yale (Grace) New Haven Hospital. On April 1, 1961, John married the love of his life Tracey Thomas, and to that union was born Dawn, John Jr., Rother, and Glenn

Upon leaving Yale, John became an entrepreneur, establishing and operating John's Cleaning Services for over twenty years. John and his late wife Tracey later owned and operated a variety store on Cedar St., one frequented by students from both Prince St. School and R.C. Lee High School. John later accepted employment at Star Supply Company and Luther Oil Company; working both jobs simultaneously.

John loved working with children and devoted many years to coaching and mentoring youth. Upon retirement, he continued to connect with students by

accepting a position as a crossing guard for the New Haven Public School System.

John was a fun-loving, family-oriented man. He loved sitting in his favorite chair, smoking a good cigar, watching T.V., and enjoying remote control cars with his grandson Travis.

John had a joyous heart and met everyone with a smile. He had the ability to make everyone feel special and loved, and he received love and admiration in return. A member of Pentecostal Church of Prayer and Deliverance, John lived his faith and loved the way Christ commanded him to love.

John is survived by five children: Gwen Moody, Dawn Skipworth (Cornelius), John Jr. (Chineta), Rother (Stacey), and Glenn (Wilma), siblings Margaret Young (Allen), Barbara Jean Woods (William), a dear friend Zora Denny, His Godson Jordan Dickens, 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

John was predeceased by his loving wife Tracey, parents Henry and Velma Eldridge, brother William Henry Eldridge, sisters Dorothy Sanders and Wyona Eldridge.

Romans Chapter 8 verse 18 "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is revealed to us."

Cemetery Details

Hamden Plains Cemetery

Hamden, CT

Previous Events

Wake

APR 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pentecostal Church of Prayer & Deliverance
1562 Stratford Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Funeral Service

APR 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Albert Eldridge Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *My brother you will be missed love you always. Holly Thomas Burch your sister in law*

Holly Burch - April 12, 2023 at 06:35 PM



MY DEEPEST AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THE ELDRIDGE FAMILY AS WEL AS HIS EXTENDED FAMILY I MET JOHN EHEN I WAS EIGHTEEN AND HE GIT ME MY FIRST JOB AT GRACE HOSPITAL SFTER ARRIVING HERE FROM THE SOUTH I TRULY FEEL TBAT JT WAS ORDAINED FIR OUR MEETING EACH OTHER BECAUSE I BAD NO INTENTION S OF STAYING HERE THANK YOU MY FRIEND FOR SLL THAT YOU DID FOR ME WILL NEVER FORGET YOU I PRAY 🙏❤️🙏 THAT YOU WILL NOW AND FOREVER REST IN ETERNAL ❤️ PEACE

ODell COHENS - April 13, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ *John Eldridge Senior who is and always will be the best brother-in-law and husband of my sister Tracy Thomas Eldridge! The Union brought four beautiful children and a host of grandchildren that made them proud! I hope God lets you have a cigar in heaven!*

Bishop Chris Thomas - April 12, 2023 at 11:01 AM

LF

“ *Lillie Jones and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Albert Eldridge Sr..*



Lillie Jones and Family - April 11, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Albert Eldridge Sr..*



April 10, 2023 at 11:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Albert Eldridge Sr..*



April 10, 2023 at 08:20 PM

AS

“ Dawn, Jay, Rother & Glen:

You all have my deepest and Heartfelt condolences. I pray that God will touch and strengthen each and every one of you during this extremely difficult time. May the memories of Poppy forever linger in your hearts.

*Love
Alicia Stevens & Verna Bishop
Charlotte, N.C.*



alicia stevens - April 10, 2023 at 07:32 AM

FS

“ My condolences to the Eldridge family. Such a nice person. Rest in paradise 🙏



Francine Smith - April 08, 2023 at 03:46 PM

WT

“ Wendell Angela Thigpen lit a candle in memory of John Eldridge



Wendell & Angela Thigpen - April 08, 2023 at 11:59 AM

SD

“ *John was a very kind and loving person. To the family stay strong.* ”



Sylvia Davis - April 07, 2023 at 03:02 PM