



CELEBRATION OF
LIFE, TRIUMPH & VICTORY
FOR
DEACON

JOHN J.
Scoviers

The Ruach of God
AUGUST 18, 1942

The Ruach's Repatriation
AUGUST 16, 2024

THE *Necrologie*

John Jenkin Sconiers was the seventh child born to the late Elder Henry Howard & Willie Esther Sconiers. The Ruach of God was released and he entered this earthly realm by way of Geneva, Alabama on August 18, 1942. John, affectionately known as “John-J” by his dad, “Jason” by his brother James, “JJ” by friends, Uncle John by family, John by thousands, but his greatest known was Daddy, who was a gift to the earth.

His early years were spent at his Fathers side. He gained his Dad’s green thumb and obtained much wisdom and sound instruction on navigating this life’s journey. Farming was an eternal lesson he carried throughout his life. He tilled the ground, raised the animals, picked cotton, and took impressive care of his parent’s farm. He worked diligently to aid them however he could.

John was an extraordinary product of the Geneva, AL school system. Despite being pulled from school to help on the farm, John matriculated through the system and graduated in 1960 from Riverside Heights High School. Upon completing his schooling, John decided to join the United States Army. He proudly served his country and was honorably discharged in 1966. John loved his family, but knew it was time to venture out and live. He decided to relocate to Florida for a short while and resided with his brother Henry.

In 1967, he again relocated and planted roots in New Jersey. John was a 3rd Generation Church of God In Christ churchman. He was a member of Geneva COGIC (Geneva,AL) all his life. Upon his relocation to New Jersey, it was his desire “to be at home.” He found this space In Gospel Tabernacle COGIC (presently Cotton Temple COGIC) under the leadership of the late Bishop C.H. Cotton. He joined the church in the late 60’s and remained a faithful member under the leadership of Bishop Cotton, the late Bishop C.D. Owens and Elder Embria W. Sconiers. He surrendered his life to God one day in the church parish house. God rolled him and purified him and until his death, he remained a soldier & in Gods hand. He served tirelessly until his health began to fail. He was appointed a Deacon in the mid-70’s; became the Vice Chairman in the 90’s and took on the task of Chairman of the Deacons in 2016. He remained in place until his decision to resign July 2022. Not only was he a Deacon in the Lord’s church, but he was the president of Men’s department, Men’s choir, and YPWW. He was a great scholar of God’s Word. He did study to show himself approved; rightly dividing the Word. He was a Sunday School teacher for many years and remained a Student of the Word. He was an usher, choir member, armor bearer, and more, but most importantly, he was a Servant.

Deacon John loved the Church and God’s people. He was a cheerful giver and a man of deep faith. For years, he joyfully labored in God’s house. He assisted in maintaining the facility, sold dinners, drove the church van, picked up and dropped off the Saints to ensure their travel to and from church. He spent endless hours doing his part to help in the effort to make Cotton Temple great. He loved to be in the service of the Lord and praise God. It was a joy to hear him open his mouth and sing, “Look where He brought me from” or “What More Can He Do?” or so many others.

Deacon John was a “Man’s Man”. He lived a life that was honorable and a light to those around him. He always walked in integrity and was a living example before so many. He worked various jobs throughout his life, but God graced him to join the labor-force of NJ Transit. He was then favored by God and was privileged to court Catherine Lyon. After an intense courtship, they were joined in holy matrimony, with the blessing of their parents and the saints on July 27, 1974. Together they built an Amazing life of Love. Their union was blessed with one daughter Staci. They loved her and she loved them. In 1978, they began their home ownership and by the early 2000’s, they had carried out their goal. They supported and loved each other through thick and thin, sickness and health, forsook ALL others and remained faithful to each other until death did them part. They both were privileged to retire from their jobs after thirty plus years of service and lived to enjoy each other and their family in love and peace.

Deacon John never stopped loving God or Cat! She, even after death, still owned his heart. He missed her tremendously and longed to be with her again. On August 16, 2024, following a good breakfast, Deacon John laid down, the Ruach’s repatriation occurred and he peacefully fell asleep.....ALL IS WELL!!!!

Preceding him in transition was his extraordinary wife Catherine Irene Lyon Sconiers and his son Derrick Sconiers; parents Howard and Willie Esther Sconiers, five brothers Henry, Charlie Ray, James Matthew, Embria, and James; one sister Mary who he adored; his loving in- laws Ernest and Novella Lyon; two brother-in-laws Henry “Toochie” Lyon and Ernest “Jolly” Lyon; six sister-in-laws Doris McCray, Victoria Williams, Lonie Allen, Sadie Lyon, Jewel Lyon, Mae Brooks and numerous Saints which he loved.

He leaves to honor & cherish his legacy his devoted daughter Staci T Sconiers; one loving brother Randolph Sconiers (Regina) and three sisters Armie Perry, Maxine White (John) and Brenda Wilburn (Herman); one brother-in-law Pete Lyon (Gloria), eight sister-in-laws: Patricia Sconiers, Dorothy Carpenter Sconiers, Josephine Green, Emma Lyon, Ernestine Sconiers, Francis Satterwhite, Christine Smith (Tommy) and Shirley Ball (Bernard); God-Children, Renee Williams, Camille Allen, and Gina Franklin; God-Son Jesse Starks, hundreds of nieces and nephews, a special nephew who was a second son Daniel Marquis Allen; his Cotton Temple church family, friends from around the country and his Best Friend, Nephew, Fishing partner Archie “AA” Allen.



SERVICE OF TRIUMPH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 ~ 10:00 ANTEMERIDIAN
THE COTTON TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
381 BERGEN AVENUE, JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY 07304
ELDER MARIO MOODY, PASTOR

OVERSEER RODERICK J. ALLEN, PRESIDING

MUSICAL PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL
FINAL CONCEALMENT
SEALING OF THE BIER

THE MINSTREL'S
CLERGY AND FAMILY
STACI SCONIERS -THE DAUGHTER
FERGUSON-RAYAM FUNERAL HOME

MOMENT OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF COMFORT

BISHOP ANTHONY W. GILYARD
PASTOR, BETHLEHEM JUDAH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, ELIZABETH, NJ
PASTOR, BROWN MEMORIAL COGIC, TAMPA, FL
JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE, SOUTHWESTERN FLORIDA JURISDICTION COGIC

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT – ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8 & PSALM 90:9-10
ELDER KEITH HOWELL, PASTOR
THE SANCTIFIED CHURCH, JERSEY CITY, NJ

NEW TESTAMENT – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-52 & II TIMOTHY 4:6-8
ELDER JAMAL BRANTLEY
BETHLEHEM JUDAH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, ELIZABETH, NJ

THE PRAISE MEDLEY

COTTON TEMPLE ADDRESS

ELDER MARIO MOODY
PASTOR, COTTON TEMPLE COGIC, JERSEY CITY, NJ

ANNOTATIONS

THE BISHOPS SPEAK

MUSICAL SELECTION

SCONIERS CELEBRATION MASS CHOIR

THE DEACONS SPEAK

DEACON ROBERT HARGRAVE
DEACON MARK STARKS
DEACON ARCHIE ALLEN

THE RISING SONS

OVERSEER JARNEILL M. FRAZIER
PASTOR, GREATER MACEDONIA PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE, BAYONNE, NJ

NJ 3RD JURISDICTIONAL ADDRESS

MOTHER MARY WIGGINS – WOMEN
ELDER JAMES WILLIAMS, SR.— PASTORS
SIS. HEATHER HOLMES – MUSIC DEPARTMENT

MUSICAL SELECTION

SCONIERS CELEBRATION MASS CHOIR

SERVICE OF TRIUMPH

(CON....)

FAMILY REFLECTIONS

CHRISTINE SMITH
DJ ALLEN
CAMILLE ALLEN
ANGELIQUE SCONIERS
PASTOR ERIC SCONIERS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS

THE VILLAGE REFLECTIONS

MINISTER MARQUIS COOK

"THE DAUGHTER SPEAKS"

MUSICAL SELECTION

SCONIERS CELEBRATION MASS CHOIR

INTRODUCTION OF THE EULOGIST

Eulogy

BISHOP KEVIN EUGENE KNIGHT SR.
PASTOR, HEAVENLY TEMPLE COGIC, JERSEY CITY, NJ
JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE, NJ THIRD ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION COGIC

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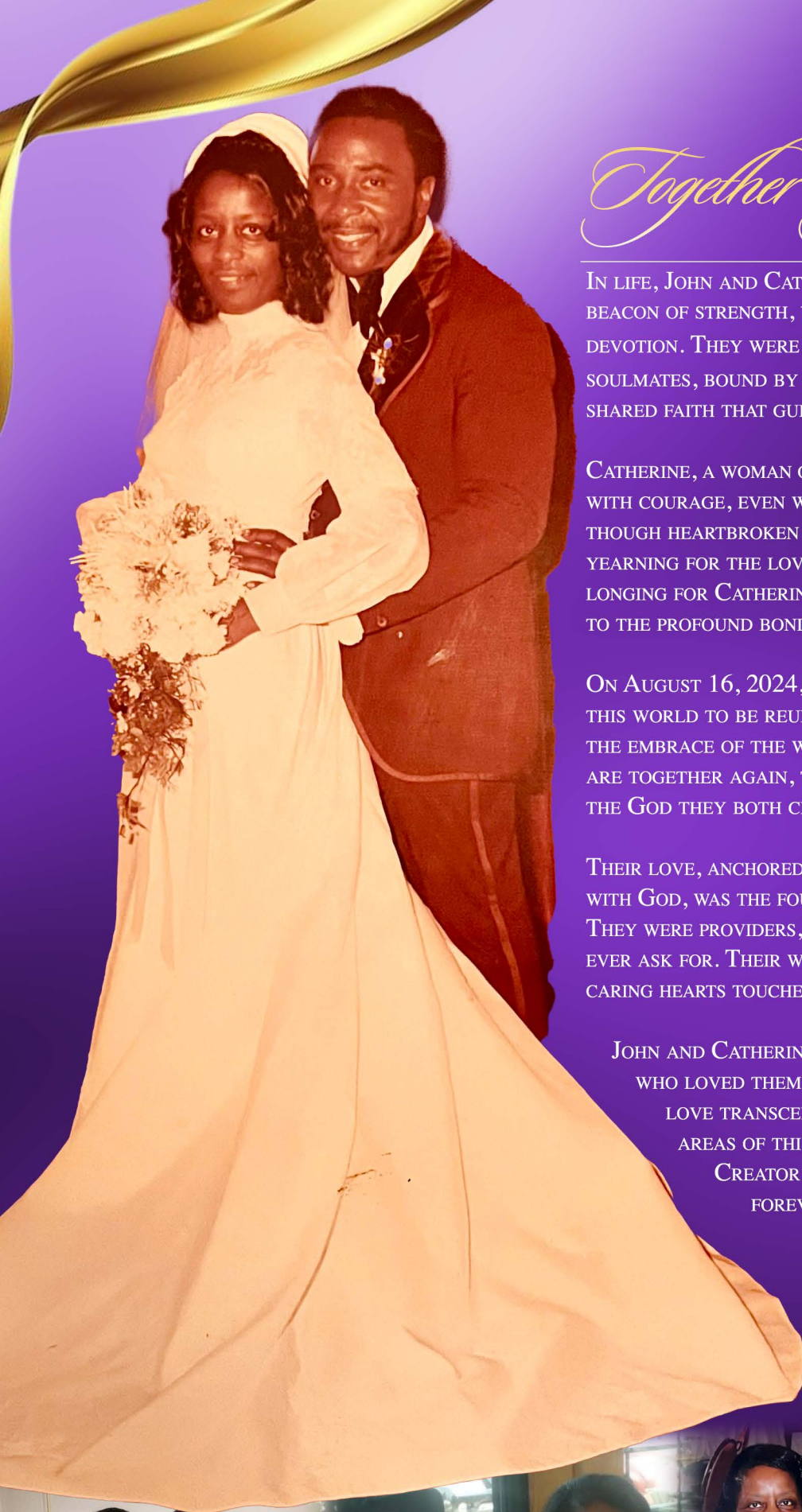
CLERGY

CLOSING PRAYER

VINCENT L. WILLIAMS
PASTOR, REWARDING FAITH TABERNACLE COGIC, NEW YORK, NY

RECESSIONAL





Together Again.....

IN LIFE, JOHN AND CATHERINE WALKED HAND IN HAND, THEIR LOVE A BEACON OF STRENGTH, WARMTH, AND UNWAVERING DEVOTION. THEY WERE MORE THAN HUSBAND AND WIFE; THEY WERE SOULMATES, BOUND BY A DEEP, ABIDING LOVE FOR EACH OTHER AND A SHARED FAITH THAT GUIDED THEM THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES.

CATHERINE, A WOMAN OF GRACE AND WISDOM, FACED THE TRIALS OF LIFE WITH COURAGE, EVEN WHEN CANCER TOOK HER FROM US IN 2012. JOHN, THOUGH HEARTBROKEN BY HER PASSING, CARRIED ON, HIS HEART ALWAYS YEARNING FOR THE LOVE THAT HAD FILLED THEIR HOME WITH JOY. HIS LONGING FOR CATHERINE WAS A QUIET, CONSTANT ACHE—A TESTAMENT TO THE PROFOUND BOND THEY SHARED.

ON AUGUST 16, 2024, JOHN'S WISH WAS FINALLY FULFILLED. HE LEFT THIS WORLD TO BE REUNITED WITH THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, STEPPING INTO THE EMBRACE OF THE WOMAN HE HAD MISSED SO DEARLY. NOW, THEY ARE TOGETHER AGAIN, THEIR SPIRITS INTERTWINED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE GOD THEY BOTH CHERISHED AND SERVED SO FAITHFULLY.

THEIR LOVE, ANCHORED IN FAITH AND NURTURED BY A DEEP RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, WAS THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH THEY BUILT THEIR LIVES. THEY WERE PROVIDERS, PROTECTORS, AND THE BEST PARENTS ONE COULD EVER ASK FOR. THEIR WISDOM GUIDED THOSE AROUND THEM, AND THEIR CARING HEARTS TOUCHED ALL WHO KNEW THEM.

JOHN AND CATHERINE'S LEGACY LIVES ON IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO LOVED THEM. THEIR REUNION IN DEATH IS A REMINDER THAT LOVE TRANSCENDS ALL—TIME, DISTANCE, AND EVEN THE BOUND AREAS OF THIS WORLD. NOW, IN THE PRESENCE OF THEIR CREATOR—THEIR GOD, THEY ARE AT PEACE, TOGETHER FOREVER.

JONATHAN & CAT FOREVER IN LOVE.....





To My Buddy.....

DADDY YOU ARE AN AMAZING MAN! THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE, YOUR HEART HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOR THE BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE. YOU CARED FOR ALL THE PEOPLE IN WAYS THAT STILL AMAZES ME. DESPITE THE WAYS YOU WERE SOMETIMES TREATED, TALKED ABOUT OR DESPISED YOU ALWAYS LOVED! DADDY YOU WERE SAVED TO THE BONE! YOU DID WHAT WAS RIGHT. THERE WAS NOT AN OUNCE OF HATE OR DISLIKE IN YOUR BODY. YOU LOVED TO LOVE.

YOU LOVED YOUR FAMILY, IN-LAWS, CHURCH FAMILY, DERRICK, DJ, ARCHIE & ME. YOU LOVED MY MOMMY WITH A CRAZY KIND OF LOVE. ANYTHING SHE DESIRED; DADDY YOU WOULD MAKE HAPPEN! MOMMY LOVED YOU JUST THE SAME! SHE WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR HER "JON-TON". DADDY, YOU WALKED IN INTEGRITY ALWAYS! YOU WERE ALWAYS A MAN OF YOUR WORD AND WHEN YOU REALIZED AN ERROR OR FAULT, YOU HAD NO PROBLEM APOLOGIZING. YOU WERE THE LENDER AND NOT THE BORROWER. AS GOD BLESSED YOU, YOU FREELY BLESSED OTHERS, WITHOUT HESITATION OR CONCERN ABOUT THE RETURN.

SO MANY YEARS OF MEMORIES. FROM THE MOMENT YOU AND MOMMY WALKED INTO OUR HOME AND I SAT ON THE STEPS AND YOU KNEW THIS HOUSE WAS THE ONE; TO THE MOMENT I LEFT YOU FOR THE LAST TIME, YOUR LIVING HAS MADE MY LIFE EXQUISITE AND PHENOMENAL. THE GREAT TIMES WITH YOU, MY DAD, WILL FOREVER BE CHERISHED. YOU WERE A NATURAL COMEDIAN; AND BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T TRY, IT ALWAYS MADE EACH MOMENT EVEN MORE HILARIOUS.

SO THIS DAY, I SAY THANK YOU DADDY!!!! THANK YOU FOR EVERY TALK, EVERY DISAGREEMENT AND MOST OF ALL FOR BEING MY BEST FRIEND! I LEARNED HOW TO BE LOVED BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME! IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR & PRIVILEGE TO LOVE, CARE FOR, PROTECT, ADVOCATE FOR AND SUPPORT YOU! I HAVE BEEN BLESSED BECAUSE GOD TRUSTED ME TO BE A PART OF AND LOVE SUCH A MIGHTY GIFT. YOU HAVE LABORED WELL! I BELIEVE GOD IS PLEASED! GOOD NIGHT DADDY! KISS MOMMY FOR ME! REMEMBER, YOU CANNOT CROWN HIM UNTIL WE GET THERE! REST WELL - MY HERO - I LOVE YOU NOW AND FOREVER!

- FOREVER "YOUR LITTLE RUNT"

Staci T. Seoniers



TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME
WHEN I AM GONE, RELEASE ME. LET ME GO
I HAVE SO MANY THINGS TO SEE AND DO.
YOU MUSTN'T TIE YOURSELF TO ME WITH TEARS,
BE HAPPY, WE HAD SO MANY YEARS.

I GAVE YOU MY LOVE AND YOU CAN ONLY GUESS
HOW MUCH YOU GAVE TO ME IN HAPPINESS.
I THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE YOU EACH HAVE SHOWN
BUT NOW IT'S TIME I TRAVELED ALONE.

SO GRIEVE A WHILE FOR ME IF GRIEVE YOU MUST
THEN LET YOUR GRIEF BE COMFORTED BY TRUST.
IT'S ONLY FOR A WHILE THAT WE MUST PART
SO BLESS THOSE MEMORIES IN YOUR HEART.

I WON'T BE FAR AWAY FOR LIFE GOES ON
SO IF YOU NEED ME, CALL AND I WILL COME.
THOUGH YOU CAN'T SEE OR TOUCH ME, I'LL BE NEAR
WITH ALL MY LOVE AROUND YOU SOFT AND CLEAR.

AND THEN, WHEN YOU MUST COME THIS WAY ALONE,
I'LL GREET YOU WITH A SMILE AND "WELCOME YOU HOME".

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STACI SCONIERS WISHES TO EXPRESS HER DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR THE OUTPOURING OF LOVE, SUPPORT, AND PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME OF LOSS. YOUR KINDNESS HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT TO HER AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY AS THEY NAVIGATE THE PAIN OF SAYING "SEE-YA-LATER" TO THIS INCREDIBLE SOUL.

THANK YOU ALL FOR STANDING BY US, FOR SHARING IN OUR GRIEF, AND FOR CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF TWO PEOPLE WHO MEANT THE WORLD TO US. YOUR CALLS, TEXTS, POSTS, BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED. YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY IS A TESTAMENT TO THE IMPACT JOHN AND CATHERINE HAD ON SO MANY LIVES. WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT.

SPECIAL THANKS TO
THE OVERLOOK HOSPITAL STAFF
THE CORNELL HALL STAFF
MY "VILLAGE"

Entombment

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