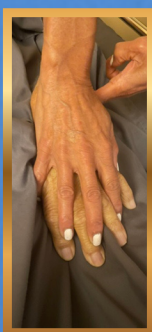




PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



PALL BEARERS

Family & Friends

FLOWER BEARERS

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral arrangement, which we saw and deeply appreciated. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, but thought of us on that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much for every part.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN BRUCE ERIVIN (BUDDY BOY)

A special thank you to Season Hospice for your care, compassion, and support, and to all of our caretakers and friends who stood by us during this time.

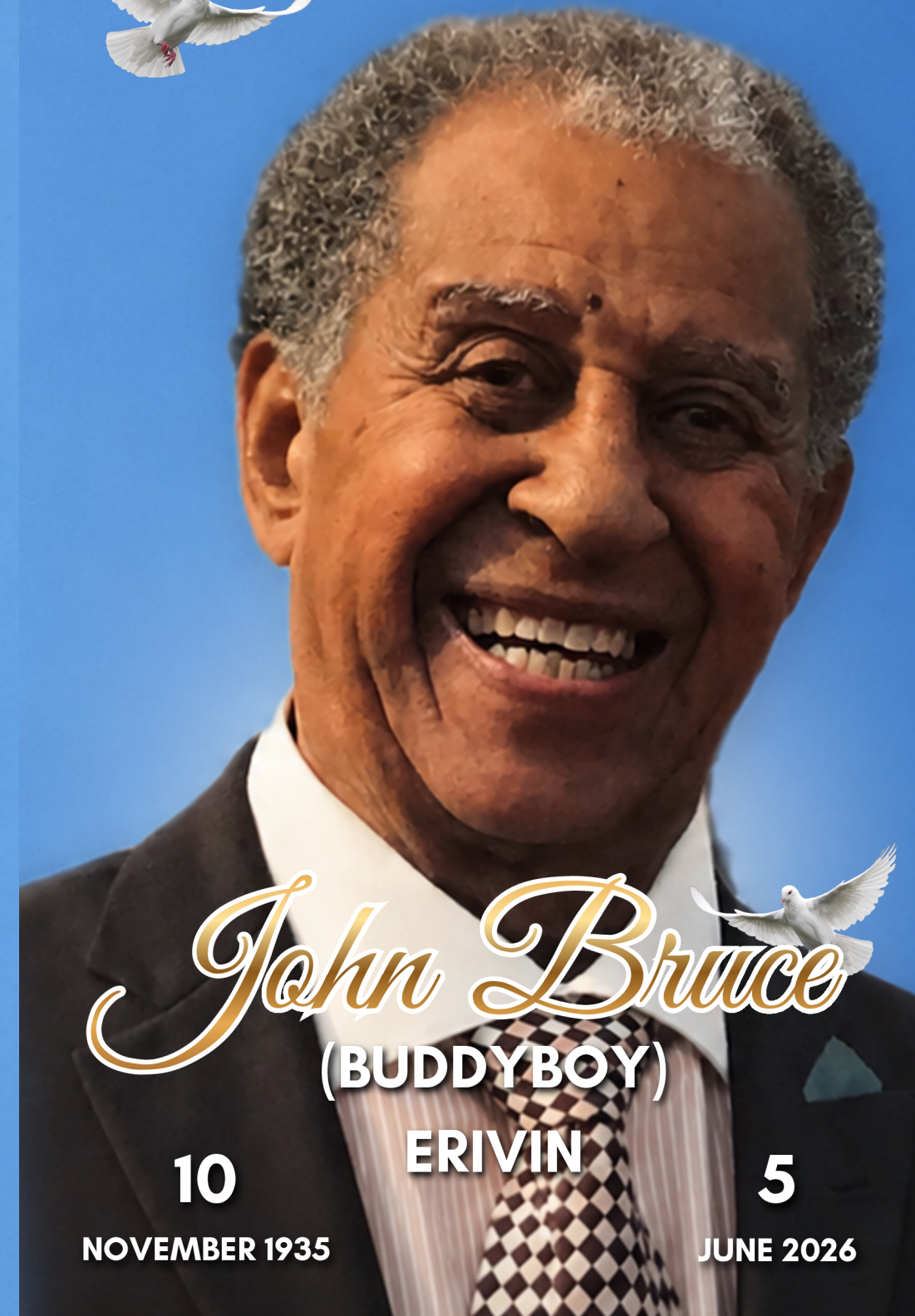


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OUR FATHER, JOHN BRUCE ERIVIN, was a man of many words and endless wisdom. John spent many years working as an Educator, teaching Math, Science Classes, Physical Education, while serving as a Coach and Mentor. His Positive Energy and Huge Heart will be missed by All who knew him.

He enjoyed all sports and Hunting trips. He put GOD first, his strong belief in Family, and his work. He taught us how to treat others with respect and always check the doors. He leaves behind a legacy of LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND STRENGTH.

He was Born in Anadarko, Oklahoma, on November 10, 1935, to his deceased parents, Jessie Mae Edwards Bentley and Robert Wiley. He was the oldest of four siblings: deceased twin sisters, Adeline and Anzetta Bentley, and a deceased brother, Carl Burdex.

He found GOD at an early age and was Baptized in Anadarko, Oklahoma, at Morning Star Baptist Church. Family members affectionately called him "Buddy Boy," a nickname inspired by his favorite uncle, John L. Edwards, who was known as "Buddy." John cherished being called "Buddy Boy" by family and friends, and he warmly answered to the name whenever it was used by those who loved him. Embracing his originality, he legally changed his name to John Bruce Erivin while in High School.

He achieved much joy in Education and Sports. He Graduated from Lincoln High School in May 1954 and attended and Graduated from Langston University, where he played Basketball, Football, and ran Track. He pledged KAPPA ALPHA PSI and remained a LIFETIME MEMBER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI.

He met Elvia Mae Morgan at Langston University in 1954, and they married on May 31, 1958, in Chickasha, Oklahoma. They had two children: Anita Mignon Erivin Merrihew, born October 24, 1958, and Jonathan Boris Erivin, born January 2, 1961, who later departed this life on October 27, 2017.

Anita married Mark Walter Merrihew, and together they have one son, Morgan Wiley Merrihew.

Jonathan married Carla Ross and had three children: Carissa Jonae, born July 18, 1997; Savannah Cheyenne, born February 17, 1999; and Joshua Bryce Erivin, born May 20, 2003.

John lost his first wife, Elvia Mae Morgan Erivin, to illness on January 19, 2002.

He later met Rosie Reed in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and married her on December 4, 2013. Rosie had five previous children: one daughter, Pamela Thomas; son, Philip Reed; twin sons, Dwight and Dwayne Reed; and son, Corey Porter. He also leaves behind a host of grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

John is the last Brilliant Pure Soul Warrior for GOD in his Generation. He and Rosie enjoyed ALL Church events at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

May You Have Deep Peace, Pure Love, Infinite Eternal Light. Laugh Out Loud. Be Happy. GOD BLESS YOU, and May The ANGELS BE WITH YOU.

We are GRATEFUL to GOD for every moment with John.

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