



## John R. Bennett Sr.

May 4, 1950 - January 13, 2021

John Russell Bennett, Sr. was the eleventh of fourteen children born to the late Frank and Ethel Bennett on May 4, 1950 in Lamont, FL. Preceding him in death were his siblings Nathan Bennett, Franklin Bennett, William Bennett, Joe Bennett, Sr., Catherine “Faye” Starling, Roxie Bennett, and Betty Bennett. John grew up in Lamont, FL and attended Jefferson County Schools. He graduated in 1968 and attended Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Bch. FL.

John and Rose met in high school at Howard Academy. Soon after, Rose moved to Dade City, FL. Their paths crossed again at Bethune Cookman College where they both attended. They dated during college, and on the same day Rose graduated in May 20, 1974, she and John united in holy matrimony.

Upon graduation John remained in Daytona and was employed by F. W. Woolworth and he was relocated several times. In 1980, John became the first African-American manager at the F.W. Woolworth department store in Historic Downtown Richmond, VA. John was relocated to the F.W. Woolworth department store in Upper Darby, PA in 1994. Two years later, Woolworth closed. He received many awards during his tenure with Woolworth. Then John was employed by Walmart where he worked until he became sick in 2004.

Deacon Bennett was a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Twin Oaks, PA, where he served faithfully until his health declined.

His wonderful life will forever be cherished by his loving wife of 46 years, Rose Marie Bennett; one daughter, Tonya Bennett–McCray; two sons, Kelvin (Tamika) Bennett, Sr. and John Bennett, Jr.; two sisters, Ethel Bennett–Whitfield and Osie Starling; four brothers: Ruben Bennett, Tommy (Pattie) Bennett, Henry (Louise) Bennett, and Richard (Deborah) Bennett; seven sister-in-laws: Mildred Bennett, Diane Bennett, Patricia Jones (Perry), Ethel Smith, Michelle (Wayne) Armstrong, Jacqueline (Randolph) Baker and Carolyn Smith; four brother-in-laws: Willie Starling, Willie (Beverly) Smith, Sylvester (Ruby) Smith, and Michael Smith. He will also be fondly remembered by his six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In Lieu of flowers, please donate to [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Chester Rural Cemetery

412 W. 15th Street  
Chester, PA 19013

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **26**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church  
101 Washington Avenue  
Twin Oaks, PA 19014

## Service

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John R. Bennett Sr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *John R. Bennett Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Sending deepest sympathy to Deaconess Rose Bennett and family in the passing of Deacon John Bennett, Sr.  
Ronald and Annemarie Fowlkes*

**Ronald Fowlkes** - January 26, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ *My condolences to Mrs. Rose and the Bennett family. Mr. Bennett use to be my Deacon. I enjoyed talking with him. He was such a nice, quiet man.*

**Barbara Oliver** - January 26, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *Rest easy Uncle John!*

**Corey Bennett** - January 26, 2021 at 11:31 AM

CB

“ Corey Bennett lit a candle in memory of John R. Bennett Sr.



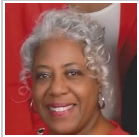
Corey Bennett - January 26, 2021 at 11:30 AM

DW

“ We were so sorry to hear of John’s passing and offer our sincerest thoughts, prayers and well-wishes during this dark time in your life. The Trustee Ministry, Good Shepherd Baptist Church  
Ray Jordan, Chair



DW - January 23, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ Please accept our deepest condolences and know that God loves you and will restore your spirits, give you peace, and strengthen you. May your faith sustain you and loving memories lift you and may the prayers of many caring hearts help heal your sorrow.  
Dionne and Herbert Ward  
Good Shepherd Baptist Church



Dionne Ward - January 23, 2021 at 01:55 PM

MC

“ Uncle John always made me feel loved. It didn't matter that we hadn't seen each in a while, he'd pick us the conversation as if it were just yesterday. His laugh was infectious and he knew how to make you smile even if you didn't feel like it. He loved his family and made sure we all knew it! We will miss you!  
We're praying for the family! The Clarks❤️

Michelle Clark - January 23, 2021 at 11:09 AM



Love you, Cousin! ❤️

Tonya Bennett-McCray - January 23, 2021 at 03:28 PM

MW

Me your uncle continue rest in peace knowing that he was loved by many me is one of them my name is MaryAnn West-Lynm.

Mary A. West - February 02, 2021 at 12:01 AM

TD

“ I don't have a specific event in mind. My memory of Mr. B was that He was always so kind to me. He treated me like his own always. He had such a strong and quiet presence. But when he saw me, he would ask me a million questions when I saw him - how are your parents? How's work? What are you working on? How's the kids? Lol. Once, I slipped and said a bad word in front of him. I was so scared because he had that big fatherly but quiet presence. But he just chuckled. He was so loved by his family and I know he knew and felt that. To know Mr. B, without him having to say it out loud, you knew his family meant everything to him.

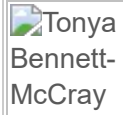


tanya dooley - January 23, 2021 at 08:53 AM



*He always asked about you* ❤️

**Tonya Bennett-McCray** - January 23, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ 42 files added to the tribute wall



**Tonya Bennett-McCray** - January 23, 2021 at 08:30 AM