



John Stewart

December 31, 1925 - December 27, 2021

Sunrise....December 31, 1925

Sunset.....December 27, 2021

John Stewart was born on December 31, 1925, in Itta Bena, Mississippi. He grew up on the

westside of Chicago, IL and attended John Marshall High School there. In

1947, John married

Claudyne Jones.

John entered the U.S. Navy in 1943, and he was stationed in Pearl Harbor soon after the

bombing. He was ordinance personnel and a Shore Patrol policeman during his Navy tenure. He

worked a variety of jobs in Chicago after military discharge.

John loved the LORD, attending church in the Chicagoland area. He joined

Pilgrim Baptist

Church after moving to Minnesota.

When John spoke with family and friends, his heart overflowed with joy, love and treasured moments.

John loved jazz music so much that he traveled with friends & family, met friends or went by

himself to see jazz performances throughout Chicago, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. He

introduced family and friends to jazz that they came to love, too. He enjoyed live performances

and with his enthusiastic joy, artists were drawn to come say hello to the man dancing in his seat.

John's special passion was girls and women's basketball at all levels. He attended every

Marshall High School Girls Basketball game he could until moving to MN. In 2010, based upon

Marshall Girls Basketball Coach Dorothy Gaters' nomination – she is the winningest coach

Illinois High School history - John was inducted into the Chicago Public League Basketball

Coaches Hall of Fame as a Friend of Marshall High School Basketball.

He loved college and professional basketball as well, following the young ladies he saw play in

Chicago as they advanced to the next levels of the sport. In college basketball, the Lady

Volunteers of University of Tennessee took his heart. His day was “wonderfully good” as he

would say when his grandson Marques surprised him with a visit to the Women's Basketball

Hall of Fame in Nashville, TN where his two favorite coaches were enshrined – Marshall Coach

Dorothy Gaters and University of TN Women's Basketball Coach Pat Summit.

John is preceded in going home by his parents Elise & Jack Dunlap; John's wife, Claudyne;

Sister Martha Ruth Pierce and his niece, Marilyn Hebron.

He leaves in our presence his son, Jon Sebastian Stewart and Jon's wife Andrea Hayden (MN);

Daughter Aria Marie Adams (IL); Grandsons Marques Stewart (MO) & Desmond Adams (IA)

and their wives, respectively, Amy (MO) & Shondalette (IA); great-grandchildren Hope & Micah (MO) and Khalil & Solomon (IA); nephew Dwayne Wynn & his wife Francis (FL); greatnephew Christopher Hebron & his wife Kawanna & their two daughters Nia & Cara (IL); and nephew-in-law Donald Hebron (Christopher's Dad) (IL).

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling Cemetery

7601 34th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pilgrim Baptist Church
732 Central Ave W
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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732 Central Ave W
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Tribute Wall



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of John Stewart.* ”



January 11, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Stewart.* ”



January 11, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Stewart.* ”



January 10, 2022 at 10:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Stewart.* ”



January 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Stewart.* ”



January 06, 2022 at 04:00 PM