



John Antonio Araujo

April 20, 1939 - March 10, 2018

John Antonio Araujo of Plano, Texas passed away March 10, 2018 at the age of 78. He was born April 20, 1939 to Antonio Manuel Araujo and Anna (Soares) Araujo in Providence, Rhode Island. John married Mary Duluz (Rocha) Araujo on December 27, 1958 in Providence, Rhode Island. He began his work career as a foreman for the Bulova Watch Company. John would later become one of the first African Americans to be hired by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, and would continue his career with the Public Transit Authority for 34 years. After retirement he and Mary relocated to Texas in 2006. John was an active member of the One Community Church in Plano, Texas. He loved sports and was an avid New York Giants fan.

John is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Mary Duluz Araujo; daughters, Anne Marie Holbert and husband, Willie D. III of Anna, Texas, Lisa Maria Hayman and Andrea Lee Araujo both of Plano, Texas; niece, who is like a baby daughter, Nicole Monique Brown of Providence, Rhode Island; grandchildren, Jeremy Hayman and wife, Janelle, Delavonta Gregory and husband, Travis, Corey John Araujo and wife, Dawn, Taylr Holbert, Jonathon Araujo and wife, Liza, Kianha Leahy and husband, Bryan, Christopher Cosby, Victoria Rose Holbert, Willie D. Holbert IV, Marcus Mitchell, and Kyla Araujo; great niece who was like a granddaughter, Briana Brown; great-grandchildren, Tyler, Aiden, Ava, Caleb, Emma, Corey Jr., Tiana, Natalie, Nicole, Isaac, Bryson, Saneeya, and Alixandra; sisters, Juanita Hammond, Julia Fortes and husband, John, Mary Best, Frances Nicholas and husband, Peter, Deanna Love and husband Charles, Delores Taylor and husband, Donald Jr., Isabel Evans and husband, Daniel, Angel Thornton and husband, Eddie, Patricia Joseph and husband Eugene; brothers, Louis Araujo, Edward Araujo and wife, Alicia, and David Araujo; brothers-in-law, Manuel Rocha and wife, Hope, Joseph Rocha, and Anthony Rocha and wife, Kathy; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Antonio M. Araujo Jr., Arthur Araujo, and Joseph Araujo; and sister, Rosemary Araujo.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, March 17, 2018 at One Community Church, 2400 Texas 121, Plano, Texas 75025. The family will receive friends during a visitation one hour prior to the service beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the church.

Prior to interment, a service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Providence Assembly of God, 353 Elmwood Ave., Providence, Rhode Island 02907. Interment is to follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 550 Wampanoag Trail, Riverside, Rhode Island 02915.

Memorials

Mary and family, I am so saddened to hear of John's passing, you and your family are in my prayers and thoughts. Carlene Brown and family, Providence, Rhode Island

CARLENE BROWN , MARCH 27, 2018

Dear Mary, God will offer you peace as He holds you and your family up. He will carry you through this time of sorrow. May the love of God be with you and your family.

RUDY AND DORIS WILLIAMS, MARCH 21, 2018

John will be greatly missed. He was a good and Godly man. I was blessed to have known him. May God's peace be upon family and friends. You know he is rejoicing in the presence of the Lord.

TOM JONES, MARCH 17, 2018

Great man of God, you will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Mary and the family. Rest in Heaven Uncle John. Peace and Love Paul and April

EDWARD "PAULIE" GILBERT, MARCH 17, 2018

It was an honor getting to know your family and being your father's nurse. GOD BLESS IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW

BETTY J BRYANT, RN, COMPASSIONATEASSIONATE CARE HOSPICE, MARCH 17, 2018

John was not only a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, but a servant of the Lord who loved to learn and grow in His knowledge of the word, and share His faith with others. The warmth of his smile will be greatly missed.

CONNIE PARKER, MARCH 16, 2018

Love and prayers at this time to the family.

SHERRI BARRATT, MARCH 14, 2018

Uncle Johnny, you've been a true leader and a positive example for the Araujo Family, your wisdom and Godly presence will be truly missed and loved forever. RIP as you join together with Grandpa, Grandma, and your siblings under the hands of the Lord.

MICHAEL J. FORTES, MARCH 14, 2018

Auntie Mary, Anne Marie, Lisa, Andrea...sending my love and prayers

JANINE THORNTON, MARCH 13, 2018

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