



Mr. John W. "Chops" Daniels, Sr.

September 29, 1945 - August 21, 2017

UTICA - John W. "Chops" Daniels, Sr., age 71, passed away after a brief illness on Monday, August 21, 2017, at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, with his loving family by his side.

John was born in Doerun, Georgia on September 29, 1945, the son of the late Elmyra Brooks and J.D. Daniels. At the age of 10, he relocated to Utica where he was raised and educated. He was a 1965 graduate of Utica Free Academy. A proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, John honorably served his country during the Vietnam War in two tours of duty from 1967-1969. He was the recipient of a Purple Heart for his valor on the battlefield and his wounds incurred during combat. He was also a U.S. Reservist until 1973. In July of 1968 he married the former Mary Jo Carter with whom he shared a union of 32 years blessed with love and children. Mary Jo passed away in 2000.

John was a 30 plus year federal employee. He was employed as a Superintendent of the Utica Post Office on Pitcher Street, a career he took great pride in and was well suited for.

John was a kind, generous, quiet and patient man. He was disciplined in all his actions and endeavors in his military life, civilian life, and family life. He enjoyed his affiliations in civic organizations as a source of fraternity and charity fundraising. He was a member of the Masons and an adjutant of the Military Order of the Purple Heart helping veterans in need of medical care at the Veterans Administration. John was a huge NY Knicks and Georgetown

Hoyas fan. And above all, he was the epitome of a proud, doting grandfather. John is survived by his daughter, Elmyra Monique Daniels; two sons, John W. Daniels, Jr.; Sayyed Mu'min and his wife Yukari; his nephew, Terrence Nichols, who knew the parental love and guidance of John and Mary Jo; his grandchildren, Courtney Daniels, Briana Daniels-Sharpe and her husband, Jahlil Sharpe, Nasiraldin, Messiah, and Mary Jo Mu'min; and his great-granddaughter, Ryleigh Sharpe. He also leaves his sister and brother-in-law, Maggie and Oliver Crewe and their children Ariane and Oliver "Skip" Crewe; a host of cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, including Josephine, Elaine, Linda, Alfreda, and Sherry; and sister-in-law, Winifred Daniels. He was predeceased by his mother, Elmyra Brooks; and his brothers, Robert "Buddy" Daniels, and Joseph Daniels.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 11:00-12:00 noon at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 219 Leah St, Utica, NY 13501. John's Home Going and Celebration of Life will follow at 12:00 pm at St. Paul's Baptist Church officiated by Pastor Marilyn Bell. Military Honors will be conferred by the U.S. Marine Corps. Interment will take place in New Forest Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Cemetery Details

New Forest Cemetery

2001 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
219 Leah Street
Utica, NY

Service

AUG 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Cindy Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. John W. "Chops" Daniels, Sr.*



cindy bowman - August 29, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John W. "Chops" Daniels, Sr..*



August 28, 2017 at 07:46 AM

LM

“ *Rest in peace, John. You were a great boss and friend, to all. My condolences to his family.*

Louise Mazza - August 26, 2017 at 05:18 PM

LS

Rest in Heaven, my friend. Thank you for extending your hand to pull me up! What a great mentor and model of professionalism you are. My prayers are with you and your entire family at this sad time.

Lawrence Elliott Sr - August 26, 2017 at 08:34 PM

MD

It was great growing up with your family as my neighbors. You always made me feel welcomed. See you on the streets of gold.

Michael Doti - August 27, 2017 at 05:33 PM

MA

You were more if a friend than a boss and will be missed by all. Will miss running into you. Rest In Peace my friend. My sincere condolences to the entire family.

Mary Ellen Belmont Arcuri

Mary Ellen Belmont Arcuri - August 28, 2017 at 10:06 AM

BM

Rest in Peace my friend , John was an exceptional person in every way .Although I have not seen John in several years he is someone who touched my life and the lives of many. I still tell stories of the times we had working together in Utica and still get a good laugh. Heaven has gained and great man. my condolences to the Daniels Family

Barry Moore - August 29, 2017 at 01:39 PM