



John "Papa John" Kilpatrick Sr.

January 1, 1931 - October 17, 2021

John "Papa John" Kilpatrick, Sr., 90, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, October 17, 2021, in a local hospital. He was born January 4, 1931 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Johnny Kilpatrick and Mamie "Big Mama" Walker; he was the stepson of Robert "Big Daddy" Freeman. He was the third of six children. John accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age. After graduating from Howard High School in 1949, he joined the Army and had a distinguished military career, retiring as a staff sergeant. He was employed with Combustion Engineering as a boilermaker for 42 years. John became a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1977. He was a quiet, but consistent member of the church. This is also how he lived his life... quiet and consistent. His light shone brightly, and he was loved by all who knew him. He was also a longtime member of the Bushtown Neighborhood Association and volunteer with the Election Commission. Survivors include his loving wife of 44 years, Peggie Norman Kilpatrick; children, Korlon Kilpatrick, Johnny Kilpatrick, Keddrick (Donna) Kilpatrick, Kyron Kilpatrick, Stephanie Kilpatrick, John Kilpatrick, Jr., and Kinsley (Tracie) Kilpatrick; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Ralph Freeman; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins of the Walker, Gladden, and Freeman families; as well as members of the Norman family; other relatives and friends. Pastor A.J. Holman will serve as the eulogist.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

OCT **25**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A. M. E. Church
2000 Walker Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Service

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John "Papa John" Kilpatrick Sr..*



October 24, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John "Papa John" Kilpatrick Sr..*



October 23, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *The Gene A. Orr Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of John "Papa John" Kilpatrick Sr..*



The Gene A. Orr Family - October 22, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ *Roya & Joann, CCHDO purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John "Papa John" Kilpatrick Sr..*



Roya & Joann, CCHDO - October 22, 2021 at 03:21 PM

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“ *Sister-in Love, Jackie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John "Papa John" Kilpatrick Sr..*



Sister-in Love, Jackie - October 21, 2021 at 10:16 PM

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“ *My Dear Peggie,*

I know you and John were soul mates and the perfect couple. I also know you took very good care of John. We have known each other for 54 years. You are one of the best, Please take comfort in knowing John had a wonderful life with you as his wife. May John Rest in Peace.

All our Love, Jim, and Janiece Rosenbloom

Jim Rosenbloom - October 21, 2021 at 11:01 AM