



Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.

October 30, 1966 - December 31, 2019

Minister John P. Rankins Jr. (53) departed his earthly life on December 31, 2019 at his home in Raleigh, NC. He was the son of Calvin and Margaret Odom of Ahoskie, NC. and the late John P. Rankins, Sr.

John received his formal education from the Hertford County Public Schools. After graduation he attended Winston Salem State University where he received a B.A degree in Political Science. Later in life he decided to attend Shaw University where he was working towards a Masters of Divinity. John was ordained on April 17, 2011 under the leadership of Rev. C. David Stackhouse. John's hobbies were collecting models of airplanes, especially "Air Force One" and collecting models of the presidential vehicles of past and present. John was also a lover of good food.

John leaves to cherish he memories; parents, Margaret and Calvin Odom of Ahoskie, NC; a host of other family and friends.

THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC VIEWING

Previous Events

Funeral

JAN 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Ahoskie Baptist Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 07:47 AM



“ *Kent Martin lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Kent Martin - December 07, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ *We first met while I was in Customer Service and John was head of Human Resources at Cingular Wireless in Fayetteville when I got to know him. A great man with a personality to match! After trying to locate you, never thought I would find you here. I now leave in Raliegh, down the street from the BBQ place you recommended many years ago. Rest well Minister John*

Kent Martin - December 07, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ *Gabriele Miller purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr..*



Gabriele Miller - January 07, 2020 at 03:51 PM

EG

“ I am just finding out about John's passing. We met at WSSU in the Fall of 1986. I learned that he was from Ahoskie and I was from Rich Square and our friendship started from there. It was always laughs and jokes when we would see each other. We lost contact over the years and I didn't realize that he was back in the Ahoskie area! I am saddened to hear of his passing! Sending prayers and condolences to his parents and family.



Elder Tammy Gatling - January 06, 2020 at 12:38 PM

TP

“ Tanya Lynch Pharr lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.



Tanya Lynch Pharr - January 06, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ 🙏🙏🙏🙏 Can't say to much because I am hurting and can't stop thinking about the loss of a very good friend

Karen Sharpe - January 06, 2020 at 01:06 AM

AM

“ I first met Minister John Rankins while at WSSU. Found out he was from Ahoskie and I was from Murfreesboro. We would ride each other over there rivalry. Everytime we met he always had a smile on his face which in turn made me smile and then we would laugh and catch up. So sorry for his passing but he left a big mark on the lives of people he touched and came across. Rest In Peace John. You'll be missed until we see you again.

Alisia Morris - January 05, 2020 at 06:20 PM

JJ

“ Janet Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.



Janet Jenkins - January 05, 2020 at 12:41 PM

DA

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing away of one of my lifelong friends. Perry and I were neighbors and friends as young children on Hill street and we remained friends until his untimely passing. I am very grateful that I recently had an opportunity to have a long talk with him following my mother's funeral in September. He offered me some very comforting words during that conversation, which are even more important to me given the current situation. I cannot believe that he is gone and I will always miss him. Ms. Margaret and Mr. Calvin, my heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. I will keep each of you in my prayers and hope that God will help you through this period of bereavement and give you the peace that you seek and deserve. May God give Perry eternal rest.

Demitrius M. Anthony

Demitrius Anthony - January 04, 2020 at 11:01 PM

DG

“ *Doris Gatling lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Doris Gatling - January 04, 2020 at 08:36 PM

SE

Wow, I'm still in shock over this one. We go so far back growing up together, hanging out, playing as kids. He was my supervisor years ago when first got to Winston Salem. The important thing is he was prepared for leaving this world no matter how much we want him here with us. " Death where is the sting, O grave where is the victory." Rest peacefully my brother.

Shawn Everett - January 05, 2020 at 06:18 AM

CS

“ *My dear cousin u will truly be missed . I send my condolences to Margaret and Calvin Odom .May God bless u and yours . Cousin Shirley gobantes.*



Cousin Shirley - January 04, 2020 at 02:46 PM

VB

“ *Viola Benthall lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Viola Benthall - January 04, 2020 at 02:12 PM

VB

I had the pleasure of working with John Rankins at the Hertford County DSS. He was very loving person to work with. I was always glad to see him when he came back to town. He will be trult missed. My condolences to his family.

Viola Benthall - January 04, 2020 at 02:16 PM

AB

“ *Annie Boone-Carroll lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Annie Boone-Carroll - January 04, 2020 at 01:12 PM

AB

Margaret, you and your family are in my prayers.

Annie Boone-Carroll - January 04, 2020 at 01:14 PM

RR

“ *Randy Robbins lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Randy Robbins - January 04, 2020 at 11:57 AM

RC

“ *Rev. Sharon Chamblee lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Rev. Sharon Chamblee - January 04, 2020 at 11:48 AM

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DT

“ *Debbie Valentine Tann lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Debbie Valentine Tann - January 04, 2020 at 11:03 AM

GM

“ *Geraldene F. Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Geraldene F. Mitchell - January 04, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ *Antwan Campbell lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Antwan Campbell - January 04, 2020 at 09:07 AM

SM

“ *Sylvia Mizzelle lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Sylvia Mizzelle - January 04, 2020 at 08:30 AM

RA

“ *Rev. Dr. Sonya Askew-Williams lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Rev. Dr. Sonya Askew-Williams - January 04, 2020 at 03:10 AM

LP

“ *Linda Peele lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Linda Peele - January 03, 2020 at 11:05 PM

MG

“ *I'm sorry for your loss, Margaret. May God continue to bless you and your family. Margie Gatling*

Margie Gatling - January 03, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr..*



January 03, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ *John, who we called "Rankins," was a really good friend of mine; we met at work in Dallas literally during the 911 crisis. We kept in touch over all of these years and we would talk on the phone for hours. Our conversations were filled with mostly laughter on crazy stories that had happened in my life or his.*

I am so so sad to hear of his passing. Rankins was a really dear friend who could brighten any dreary day with a crazy story or a simple "one-liner." I will hold him close to my heart forever.

Love u Rankins! Your friend, Tarsha Miles LaCour

Tarsha LaCour - January 03, 2020 at 07:41 PM



I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my friend 'Perry' as I called him in school. We drove school buses while we were attending school for AHS. Although we were a year apart, we connected because Perry was always a character. I recall him as a penny loafer, shirt and tie wearing young man.

Later our paths crossed again as he came to work as the HR Manager at Vidant Roanoke Chowan Hospital. Then I called him John! 😊. He shared with me many of his work career adventures. He also strived to always do more and know more. I so grateful to had the opportunity to know him and be able to call him friend.

He will never be forgotten.

Rev. Dr. Sonya Askew-Williams - January 04, 2020 at 02:51 AM

DW

“ I am very sadden to learn that my friend and fraternity brother has entered Chapter Invisible of Kappa Alpha Psi. Brother Rankin you will be truly missed in the bond, however I will always remember the good times we had on our line and traveling to our conclave together in Detroit and Charlotte.

Yours in the Bond,

Brother David L West

David West - January 03, 2020 at 06:38 PM

ED

“ *John will be missed as a friend. - Evelyn Dixon*

edixon7273@bellsouth.net - January 03, 2020 at 11:08 AM

GB

“ *I was deeply saddened by the news of the passing of my cousin Perry. Although we didn't share many experiences together as adults, I can vividly remember the fun times we shared together as little boys at our grandmother's house. We have lost a true friend and a dear relative, heaven has gained another angel. My condolences to aunt Margaret and uncle Calvin.*

Gary and Michelle Beverly

Gary Beverly - January 03, 2020 at 10:36 AM

GP

“ Gloria M. Parker lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.



Gloria M. Parker - January 03, 2020 at 09:38 AM

DP

“ Thanks for being my friend since freshman year at WSSU . You were indeed one of my best friends in life you stood beside me as my best man . You will be missed brother and words can't describe how much.

Derrick Powell - January 03, 2020 at 08:38 AM

ML

“ Marie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.



Marie Lewis - January 02, 2020 at 09:59 PM

CA

“ Cynthia Askew lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.



Cynthia Askew - January 02, 2020 at 07:58 PM

SR

“ Though we are deeply saddened, our hearts are filled with faith, hope, and love that John (Perry) is at peace and resting in God's loving kingdom. John will be welcomed into God's kingdom by his father, other family members and friends.

You all are in our prayers and thoughts and we pray that God will give you strength to move forward.

Sharnese and Katrina Ransome

Sharnese Ransome - January 02, 2020 at 07:08 PM

GW

“ It's so hard to say goodbye, this young man was always a heaven send for me. Perry was my cousin and he always had a sense of humor, he would make a bad situation good just by what he would say. He was my right hand when it came to our family reunions. He never said no, for years he was our family MC at the Freeman/Cherry/Bunch/Holloman Reunions, he always knew what to say and when to say. He always lifted our family spirits with his family stories, no one could tell a family story like Perry. He would keep the family in an up roar with laughter. He will surely be missed. We loved you Perry but we know God loved you more. There is no doubt that God is smiling at him now because I know he even had something to say to make the Lord smile. To my cousins, Margaret and Calvin may God continue to give you strength to endure. Love you with all my heart.
Gloria Freeman Wheeler & family



Gloria Freeman Wheeler - January 02, 2020 at 06:56 PM

CB

“ We are deeply saddened by the passing of John. Our hearts go out to you all at this most difficult time. We pray that God will strengthen and comfort you during these times and in the days to come.



The Chavis Family

Carolyn Bond - January 02, 2020 at 05:31 PM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with John's family during this sad time. I had the pleasure of working with John here with Harnett County and I enjoyed his friendship and sense of humor. He always had a kind word and smile. He will be missed.

LeAnn B. Blackmon - January 02, 2020 at 02:53 PM

VB

“ Valencia Bell lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.



Valencia Bell - January 02, 2020 at 12:59 PM

TL

“ Tracie LeCesne lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.



Tracie LeCesne - January 02, 2020 at 12:57 PM

HW

“ Hertford County Water sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.



Hertford County Water - January 02, 2020 at 10:30 AM

WM

“ Wanda Moore lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.



Wanda Moore - January 02, 2020 at 09:17 AM

JP

“ We are so sorry for your loss and we are praying for the family. May God continue to strengthen the family during this time. Jovita Poole and Hazel Moore



Jovita Poole - January 02, 2020 at 05:01 AM

CS

“ Condolences to the Rankin's/Odom family on the loss of your love one John P. Rankins. May God continue to strengthen you each and every day.



Gilbert (Former Co-worker) and Charmont Hall Stephen (Class of 85 Classmate)

Charmont Hall Stephen - January 02, 2020 at 01:10 AM

JW

“ I’m deeply saddened by the news of John’s passing. I pray that your heart and soul will find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Gone but never forgotten.



Jerry Watford - January 01, 2020 at 08:57 PM

JJ

“ Jerri Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.



Jerri Jones - January 01, 2020 at 07:35 PM

DR

I'm sorry for your loss Mrs.Margarett and Mr. Calvin Odom im certainly praying for you during this difficult time may God give you strength..

David Robertson - January 02, 2020 at 04:49 AM

DR

“ Dianese Riddick lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.



Dianese Riddick - January 01, 2020 at 02:51 PM

DS

“ *Devon Sessoms lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Devon Sessoms - January 01, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ *Marion Moore lit a candle in memory of Minister John Perry Rankins Jr.*



Marion Moore - January 01, 2020 at 11:13 AM

KW

“ *It was so shocking to hear of John's passing, especially after the passing of another classmate. I have such fond memories of John, from the time I met him in middle school through adulthood. He was a very tall, strong, and good-hearted person. Mrs. Margaret, my condolences to you, your family, and the Class of 85 family.*
Kisha Pierce Watford

Kisha Pierce Watford - January 01, 2020 at 10:48 AM

PH

So, so sorry to hear of your loss Mrs. Margaret. Everyone that knew John loved his kind and funny spirit. He will definitely be missed. Praying for your comfort and strength.... God bless and take care of yourself.... Will be in touch with you....

Patricia Harrell-Johnson - January 01, 2020 at 11:56 PM

DC

“ *Very shocked to hear of John's passing. He was such a good man and strong in the Lord. We never know the day nor the hour that God may call but I am thankful unto God that the brother's name is recorded in the book of life and we will on the other side meet again. God's peace and comfort to the family. Rev. Dr. Gregory Clark*

Dr Clark - January 01, 2020 at 10:38 AM