



# John Will Hatchett

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**J**ohn W. Hatchett  
Celebration of a Life Well Lived

On a cold winter day in 1935 in the city of Henderson, Kentucky, a beautiful brown baby boy was born to Arch and Rosa Hatchett. They named their fifth child John. John was an obedient son who adored his parents. As a child he was sprinkled at Trinity AME Zion and attended church there. While attending Alves Street school, favorite teacher, Miss Annette Brown, encouraged her students to excel and pursue their dreams. At the age of eight, John's dream was to join the United States Navy. At Douglas High School, John played the tuba in the band, enjoyed boxing and playing football. Often before school he helped his father by performing custodial services at the local theater. He also worked at Hatchett's Grocery store and helped his father at private homes. He cherished one of his father's economic principals, "Don't ever spend all of your money". Which he learned after purchasing his first car. Shortly after graduation John pursued his dream of joining the Navy (1955). His career would span 30 years of dedicated service to his country. He retired as a Master Chief Petty Officer.

John met his future wife, Gertrude, through his favorite cousin, Thelma, who happened to be besties with Gertrude. Their 55-year love affair was filled with adventure, dancing and laughter. John and Gertrude had two lovely daughters, Sherrie and Andrea in the early years of their marriage.

After retiring from the USN, John held a few different jobs and settled in sunny SoCal.

In about 1984 John was baptized at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, San Diego, where he later was Ordinated as a Deacon, was a Trustee as well as a Bible Study Teacher. John absolutely loved the Lord and would always give God praise and glory. While a teacher he would spend hours pouring over various resource materials to prepare for



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his class. When class members had questions, he would seek God's guidance in sharing answers. John was known for encouraging his students to study and he enjoyed giving away Christian Life Bibles.

Days before the end of this journey John made the declaration "What a mighty God I serve"! He was still recruiting people he had interactions with to accept Jesus Christ and yes to join the Navy!

John leaves as part of his legacy of the Love of God, contributing to his church, various religious organizations and non-profits. He was a proud Charter Member of the NMAHC (National Museum of African American History and Culture). His legacy in teaching, excellence, self-reliance and 'never quitting' has made an impression on his daughters, Catherine Gray and Sherrie Hatchett. John is also survived by grandchildren: M. David Brown (Andrea), Jonathan Jackson, Aquasha Jackson and Sean Hatchett, great grandchildren: Kylee Jackson, Devin, Dominic and Deion Brown. He also leaves to cherish his memory his sister, Carolyn Thompson (Nate), brothers James (Gwen) and Paul (Willa) Hatchett and a host of relatives, friends and others he met along the way.

John enjoyed his earthly journey and is now in the presence of the Lord.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16 KJV)

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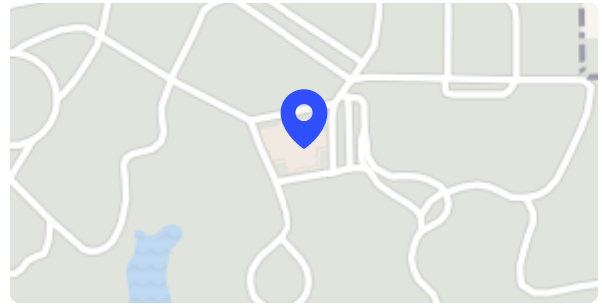
## Events

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### Cemetery Details

 **Greenwood Memorial Park**  
4300 Imperial Avenue, San Diego CA 92113

 **(619) 450-1479**





# Tribute Wall

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**Anna Edwards Jones** lit a candle in honor of John.



March 4 at 8:45 AM



**Anna Edwards Jones** March 4 at 8:50 AM

Had the pleasure of meeting and being a part of the family through my husband David Jones who as passed on as well. You were very gracious to me and we always looked forward to visiting you when we came to California. You will be missed. To the family my prayers are with you.



**Evelyn Vaughan** lit a candle in honor of John.



March 3 at 12:17 PM



**Pearl Adams** lit a candle in honor of John.



March 3 at 8:09 AM



**Cousin Thelma** sent a "Your Heart" Cardinal Memorial Marker to the Hatchett family.



March 3 at 6:16 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Hatchett family.



March 2 at 5:20 AM



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**J. Wallace & Gwenn Hatchett** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Hatchett family.



February 28 at 3:17 AM



**James Wallace Hatchett** posted:

John. a big brother and inspiration to his younger siblings, showed us what "true grit" and determination can accomplish even when obstacles are placed in your path. His love of family and kind spirit will be greatly missed. Onward Christian soldier! Little Brother, J. Wallace Hatchett

February 22 at 4:49 AM



**Sherrie** March 4 at 4:36 PM

Thank you!



**Dana Brown-Turner** March 4 at 5:41 AM

Sending my heartfelt condolences and prayers to The Hatchett Family - Dana Brown-Turner and Family-



**Constance Hutcherson And Family** posted:

UNCLE JOHN WAS SUCH A PLEASANT MILD MANNER AND LOVING MAN. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL THAT KNEW HIM. SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO YOU COUSIN AND THE REST OF FAMILY. MAY GOD COMFORT YOU ALL AND GIVE YOU PEACE DURING THIS TIME OF BEREAVEMENT. FROM: CONNIE, TERRY, TOMMY, AUNT SAUNDRA AND FAMILY

February 19 at 2:16 PM



**Sherrie** March 4 at 4:35 PM

Hello All, Thank you so much for your kind words. And thank you for the beautiful spray! We love you.



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**Laroma Thomas** posted:

So many memories. When the family came to visit , it was always a treat . He could always make you smile. I loved the smell of his cigars that he used to smoke . The summer in Great Lakes is one I will never forget . The encouragement that he gave me when Grandmothers health started failing. You will be missed. Love you Uncle John.

February 18 at 12:22 PM



**Toni Grant** posted:

Papa John Hatchett fought the good fight and that is the legacy he leaves to his family, his church and community! Thank you Father God for the life of John Hatchett🙏🔥

February 18 at 4:44 AM



**Cathy Gray** posted:

Dad's favorite saying whenever I called to talk to him was, " you must put your trust in God and everything will be ok." With that saying in mind I know that dad is ok.

February 18 at 3:03 AM



**Thelma Sebree** February 20 at 12:33 AM

I know my, cousin, my Best friend, and brother eyes was on the Sparrel and he knew God was washing him, he is feeling much better.



**Cathy Gray** lit a candle in honor of John.



February 18 at 3:00 AM



**Cathy Gray** sent a virtual gift in honor of John.



February 18 at 3:00 AM



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**Sherrie Hatchett** posted:

Recalling my dads diligence in preparing to teach Bible Study, his being on fire for the Lord, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere we went reassures me. My dads tenacity and resolve to be the best of the best makes me smile. His winsome attitude, a contagious attribute. I cherish my dads love of family, Pepsi, cookies and Buicks. Until we meet again. Love Sherrie

February 18 at 1:51 AM

MB

**M.D. Brown** posted:

Father, Teacher, Leader. Thank you for everything.

February 17 at 8:43 AM

PA

**Pearl Adams** March 3 at 8:03 AM

To the Hatchett family, Brother Hatchett will greatly be missed but keep all those precious memories in your heart. Gone but never forgotten....Pearl

CT

**Carol Thompson** March 1 at 6:12 AM

Will miss you Big Brother John such a beautiful time when we came to visit. You always had such a beautiful smile. Your sister Carolyn//&Family

LT

**Laroma Thomas** February 18 at 12:29 PM

So true .



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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