



Life Reflections

*A smile for all, a heart of gold
One of the finest this world could hold
Never selfish, always kind
These are the memories he leaves behind...*

Mr. John Franklin Rankin, 72, of Statesville, peacefully transitioned on Monday, January 24, 2022, at the Accordius Health, in Statesville, NC. He was born in Iredell County, on February 27, 1949, and was the son of the late Albert Lee Rankin, Sr. and Sadie Lee Hamilton Rankin. John was also preceded in death by his four sisters, Gloria Kay Rankin, Sally Ann Rankin Sharpe, Doris Steele, and Jewell McGregor and two brothers, Billy Long and Harvey Long.

John was an avid learner and excelled in academics. John graduated with honors from Morningside High School. He furthered his education at NC A&T before he joined the Navy and then went on to obtain his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, MD. John continued to excel in academics and then went on to obtain a graduate degree at Howard University Graduate School, Washington, DC, in Urban Studies and Education.

John also served proudly in the United States Navy, where he was honorably discharged. While in the Navy, he attended Neuropsychiatric Technical School at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, and the United States Navy Hospital Corpsman School, Great Lakes, Illinois where he received honorable distinction.

John touched the lives of many through his many labors of love. John was a current member of Logan Presbyterian Church. While living in Maryland John was a long time member of Union Temple Church where he sang on the Mass and Men's choir and participated in various community service projects and served on several committees. He was a retired Mental Health Counselor, who worked at various mental health agencies and served on several committees throughout his successful career. John was an active community activist and volunteer. John volunteered at the Fishing School, the Democratic party, Morningside Alumni Association and the NAACP. John also volunteered his time as a Counselor/Recreational Assistant and a Youth Sports Coach. John was also a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

He leaves to cherish the memory of his life, his son, John Anthony Rankin and his step-daughter, Jasmine Parker both of whom reside in Maryland; three brothers, Benjamin Lee Rankin of Statesville, N.C., Albert Lee Rankin, Jr. of Blythewood, SC and James Edward Rankin of Statesville, N.C; his beloved sister, Thelbert Summers of Statesville; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives, neighbors, church family and friends.



*Day is done, gone the sun, from the lake, from the hills,
from the sky, all is well, safely rest, God is nigh!*



SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Mr. John Franklin Rankin

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Logan Presbyterian Church

209 Logan-New Amity Road
Scotts, NC 28699

Reverend Kaye Barrow-Ziglar, Pastor

Officiating

The Visitation

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Processional Musician

The Moments of Sharing with Family

The Order of Service

2:00 p.m.

The Prelude

The Welcome & Call to Worship .. Reverend Kaye Barrow-Ziglar

The Opening Prayer

+Opening Hymn: *"I Am So Satisfied With My Savior"*

The Scripture Meditation

Old Testament

New Testament

The Prayer of Comfort

The Special Music Mr. Eric Rankin

The Family Reflections (*Limit two minute please*)

♥ Mrs. Gale Pharr

♥ Family

The Acknowledgments Church Representative

The Commemorative Presentation Funeral Director

The Special Music Mr. Eric Rankin

The Words of Comfort Reverend Kaye Barrow-Ziglar

The Apostle's Creed

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

+The Recessional..... Logan Presbyterian Mass Choir

"The Storm is Passing Over"

+ *Worshipers are invited to stand*

At the Logan Presbyterian Church

The Gathering of the Christian Community

The Interment

The Military Rites

The Twenty-one Gun Salute

Taps

The Folding and Presentation of the Flag

The Prayer of Benediction

The Final Departure





CALL TO WORSHIP

GRACIOUS IS OUR GOD WHO HEARS OUR CRIES.
We come here today to cry out with confident hope that God is listening to us.
 LOVING IS OUR GOD WHO COMES TO US IN OUR GRIEF AND IN OUR SADNESS.
We come here today to feel God wrap us in a loving embrace, wipe away our tears and assure us that we are not alone.
 HOLY IS OUR GOD WHO NEVER LETS DEATH HAVE THE FINAL WORD.
We come here today to bear witness to the resurrection-in Christ and in us.
 TRANSFORMATIVE IS OUR GOD WHO CAN TURN GRIEF INTO HOPE AND SADNESS INTO JOY.
We come here today to release our grief, to allow ourselves to be transformed and to begin to find joy in the midst of heartache.

Sarah E. Weaver (c) 2015

Goodbye is
NOT FOREVER.
 It is not the end.
 It simply means

We will miss you... UNTIL we meet again!

Expression of Gratitude

The family of Mr. John Rankin appreciates all of the condolences extended during their time of grief. Whatever you gave, a prayer, a call, a card a visit you will always be remembered. May God's blessings be with each of you.

The family of Mr. John Rankin

Professional Services Entrusted To:
Rutledge & Bigham Mortuary, Inc.
 603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC -
 (704) 873-3611

Visit John's Online Tribute at
www.rutledgeandbigham.com

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION A Celebration of Life for John Franklin Rankin



A Gift Given
 February 27, 1949

A Gift Returned
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