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### John L. Broome

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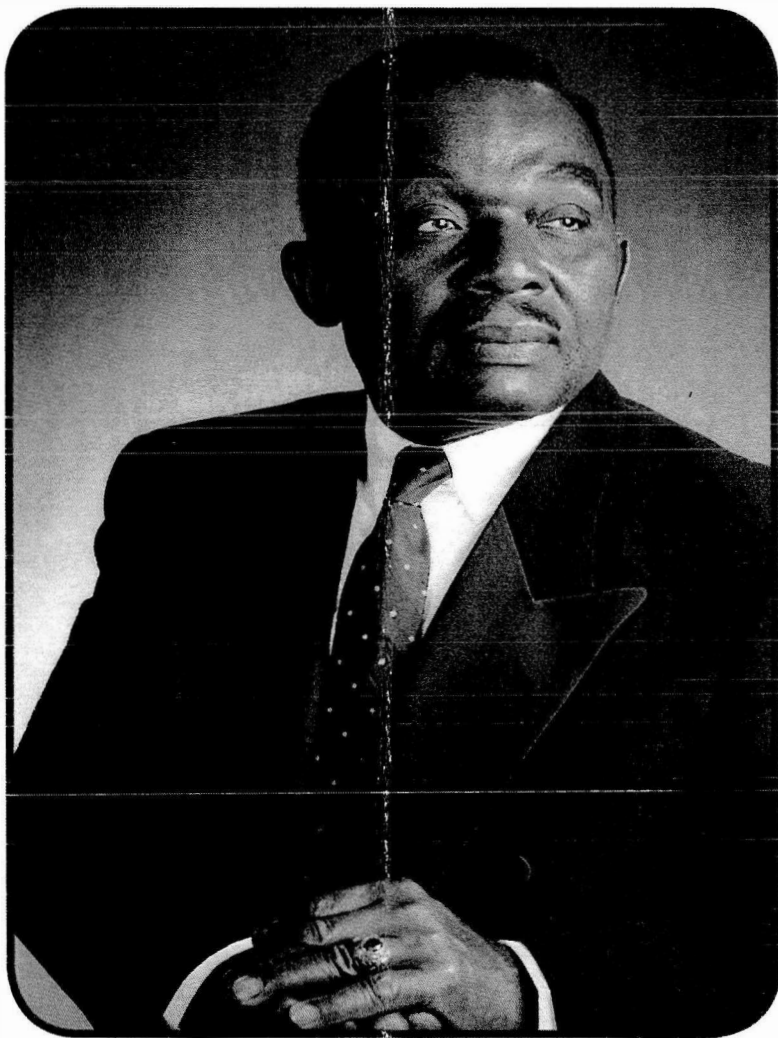
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*A Celebration of the Life*  
*for*  
*John L. Broome*

*Sunrise*  
*August 18, 1928*

*Sunset*  
*June 30, 2014*



*Saturday, July 12, 2014 - twelve noon*

*First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale*  
401 South East 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

*The Rev. Dr. Roger Verse, Officiating*

*A Roy Mizell and Kurtz Funeral Home Service*

## *The John L. Broome Story*

He was born John L. Broome on August 16, 1928 in Alachua, Florida and was orphaned in infancy when his mother Mamie Broome passed away. John had an older sister Ruby Broome who he adored. Until he was eight years old they lived with their grandfather Erwin Broome and his wife Isabelle. Then Erwin passed away and they lived with their Aunt Pearl Broome George. During John's teenage years, he worked in John Neal's shoe shop to help earn his keep. Fortunately, when John was six years old, a teacher Maude Lewis and her family became the Broome's next door neighbors. The family served as a positive influence for John throughout his life. The youngest Lewis son Oscar DePriest was near John's age and they grew up like brothers. They kept this relationship throughout their lives. There was a piano in the Lewis home and when John was young he loved coming to visit and plunking on the piano. He loved that piano and made sure when he grew up he had a piano in his own home.

John attended the Alachua County Training School and his neighbor Maude Lewis was his sixth grade teacher and drama coach. During this same school year Mary McLeod Bethune came to his school and her students sang. After hearing her speak John knew that he wanted to one day enroll in Bethune-Cookman College. Another positive influence in his life was his high school music teacher Thelma Welch who involved him in quartet singing and the quartet won state and regional awards.

After graduating from high school John enrolled in Bethune-Cookman College. While there he was drafted in the United States Army. He served two years in the service and returned to Bethune-Cookman where he sang in the chorus and was the Marching Band's First Drum Major. He was honored to sing with the schools chorus at Mrs. Bethune funeral in May of 1955. John graduated from Bethune-Cookman in 1956 and began his teaching career at Braithwaite Elementary in Deerfield. He later taught at Larkdale, Markham and Lauderdale Manors Elementary Schools. In 1967 he joined the staff at the Federally Funded ESEA Title I Reading Center as a Graphics Specialist. He also received his Master's and Educational Specialist Degrees from Indiana University.

Before retiring he taught at Lauderdale Manors Elementary where he became the guardian for the Grace Family children whose care had been entrusted to their grandmother. John became an integral part of their lives, monitoring their school progress, taking them to church, encouraging them to be involved in church programs and other worthwhile community programs.

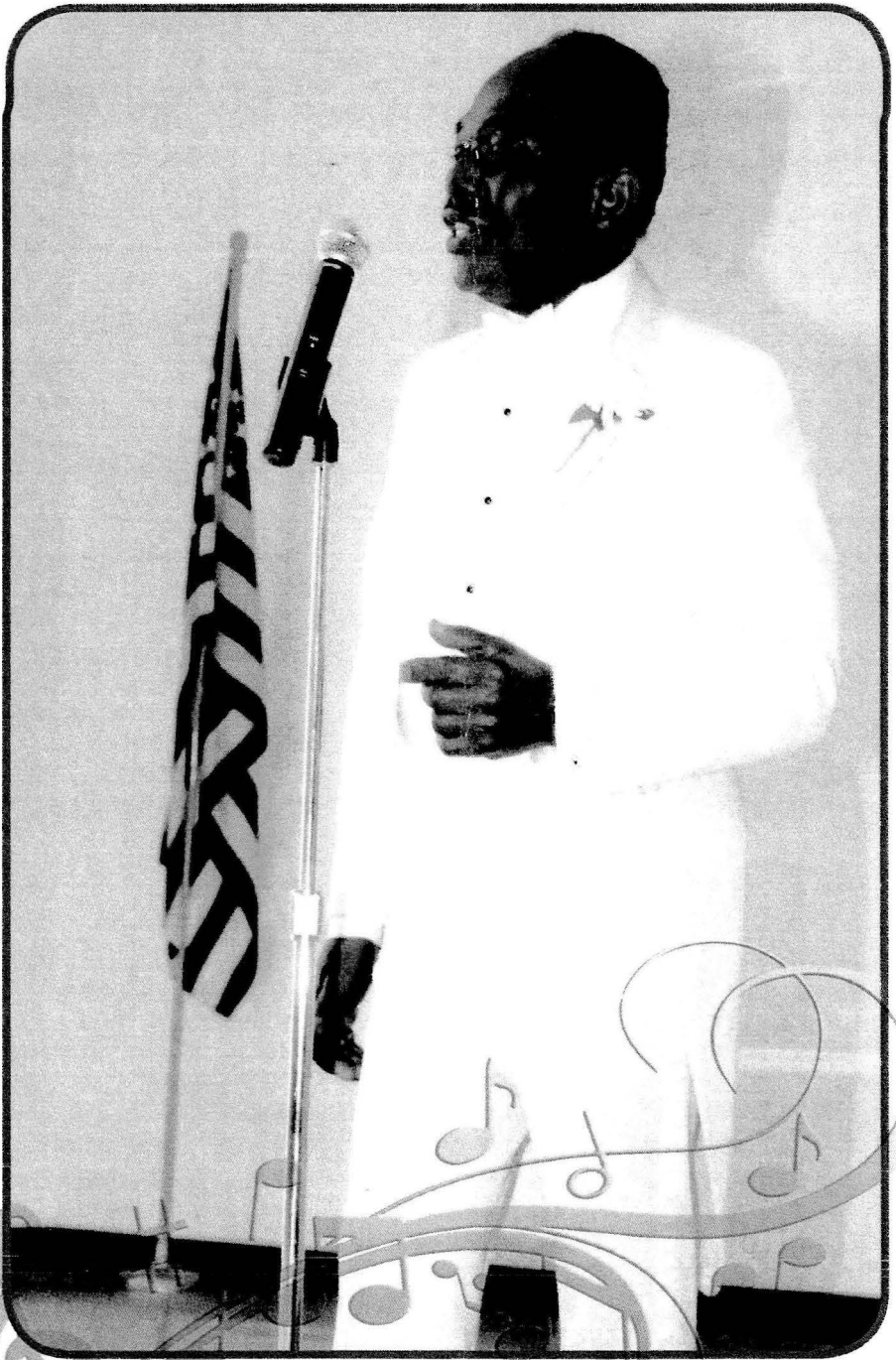
John became a member of Second Presbyterian Church in 1967 where he sang with the chorus and participated in well know musicals put on by the Chancel Choir: My Fair Lady, South Pacific, Camelot, and Annie Get Your Gun. John joined the Ft. Lauderdale Symphony Chorus in the 1970's and later the Nova Singers. With the Nova Singers he enjoyed singing at New York's Carnegie Hall, the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. and in Europe. He was an concert artist, who enjoyed singing Negro Spirituals. Although a classic Baritone, he continued to study vocal techniques.

John's sister Ruby passed away but he always kept in touch with her family and joined with them in their family reunions, holidays and other special events. He also had close contact with his Aunt Pearl George's Family and always has been just a phone call away from his family.

He leaves to cherish in his memory his nephews: Rev. Robert Benn (Beverly) and family; Melvin Benn (Syble) and family; Clifton Benn and family; grand niece Riva Monroe Hutto (Eric) and family; cousins: Charles George (Jacquelyn Hart) and family; Evelyn Elaine George Baugh (John) and family; Tressie George (Saddie) and family; Rev. Ricardo George (Annie Mae) and family; Sonja Newkirk Lewis and family and Patrick Newkirk and family. The Grace Family: Manolito Sewell (father), Cynthia Grace (mother), Manolito Sewell, Jr., Mario Grace, Muncello Grace, Marcarvio Grace, Cynlita Grace, Lilie Sewell Family and a host of loving family and friends.

REMEMBERING

*John L. Broome*



*A Fond Farewell*

OUR UNCLE

OUR COUSIN

OUR FRIEND

May God continue to keep you.

# Order of Service

- Welcome & Opening Sentences ..... Mr. Timothy B. Dobbins
- Opening Prayer..... Rev. Dr. Roger Verse
- \*Opening Hymn #280.....Robin L. McEachern  
*Minister of Music & Organist*  
*Amazing Grace (1,3,5)*
- Old Testament Scripture..... Rev. Ricardo George
- Solo..... Neil Nelson, *Baritone*  
*Old Man River*  
Oscar Hammerstein II ..... Anthony Ciotti, *Accompanist*
- New Testament Scripture ..... Rev. Robert Benn
- Anthem..... *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*.....Nova Singers  
Arr. Ringwald..... Chuck Stanley, *Director*
- In Remembrance ..... Rev. Dr. Roger Verse
- The Honorable Hayward Benson ..... City Commissioner  
Lauderhill, FL
- Mr. Arthur Kennedy ..... Chief of Staff  
Congressman Hastings
- Mrs. Dana Davis ..... Longtime Friend & Founding Accompanist  
Nova Singers
- Solo..... Neil Nelson, *Baritone*  
*Ain't Got Time To Die*  
Hall Johnson.....Dana Davis, *Accompanist*
- Ms. Reva Hutto .....Grand Niece
- Mr. Mario Grace ..... Surrogate Son
- Mr. Oscar D. Lewis, Jr. .... Godson
- Mr. Zell Boggus..... College Friend
- Pastor's Reflections ..... Rev. Dr. Roger Verse
- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
- \*Closing Hymn #281..... CWM RHONDDA  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
- The Acknowledgements..... Roy Mizell & Kurtz Staff
- Benediction
- Benediction Response.....Nova Singers  
*The Lord Bless You and Keep You - Peter C. Lutkin*
- Postlude and Recessional
- \*Please stand if you are able

# Special Memories



JOHN BROOME  
BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE  
FIRST DRUM MAJOR



## *From the Family*

The Family members wish to express their sincere appreciation for all the prayers, well wishes, visits, telephone calls, food and other acts of kindness during our loved one's illness and our bereavement.

A special thank you to Rev. Dwayne Black (Second Presbyterian Church), Barbara T. Yatrousis (First Presbyterian Church), Mattie Jones, Mary Kennedy, Lillie Swell, Anthony Ciotti, Maude Storr, and Ann Lewis for their genuine interest and care for our loved one. May God continue to richly bless you.

The family is also grateful to the Doctors and Staff of Florida Medical Center and VISITAS Innovative Hospice Care for the special care and attention they gave to our love one during his stay there.

### *Active Pallbearers*

Eric Jerron Hutto, Sr.  
Mario Grace  
Manolito Sewell

Clifton Benn  
Muncello Grace  
Oscar Lewis, Jr.

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

Rev. Robert Benn  
Melvin Been  
Rev. Ricardo George  
Charles George

Oscar D. Lewis, Sr.  
Clifton Benn  
Zell Boges  
Tressie George

### *Flower Attendants*

Nova Singers

### *Interment*

Forest Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens South  
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Davie, FL

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