



Rev. John G. Goah

March 16, 1948 - February 13, 2022

John G.W. Goah was born to Pastor Gardaworin Goah and Wurutee Colnoe Goah on March 16, 1948. At six years old, John lost his mother during childbirth. His father didn't have the finances to send John to school, but Gardaworin was a pastor, and he encouraged John to follow him everywhere he went while he preached. John enjoyed his father's company and found an interest in the Gospel. John dreamed that one day he'd become a minister of the Gospel and preach like his father, Pastor Gardaworin Goah.

At age 16, John went to live with one of his uncles and attended school for the first time. While John lived with his uncle and family, he experienced some difficulties, but that did not stop him. He was determined to go to school and get an education. While John lived with his uncle, he walked 5 miles to and from school. Before studying, John sold oranges, bananas, and African clothes for his uncle's wife. John sometimes had to study with a candle or flashlight, but that did not discourage him from achieving what he wanted. He was determined to get an education so he could be successful. John graduated from Christian High in 1973. After graduation, John began his first job at LAMCO and later moved to Monrovia, where he enrolled at the University of Liberia.

John taught at the John D. Colnoe, Sr. Memorial St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal School in Sinkor, Monrovia. John encountered many missionaries from the United States, Germany, Norway, and Switzerland. They all found interest in John because of his intelligence, brilliance, down-to-earth

personality, and warm smile. Some missionaries dedicated their time to teaching my father how to drive and hired him as their driver. They also hired him as an assistant minister at the Ministry of Planning.

John was given the opportunity to continue his education in Switzerland and Norway, but he felt the position should go to the less fortunate. John believed strongly in education and impressed the importance of schooling on all he came across. John later adopted Marie Jacob Smith and took full responsibility for her education.

While working at the Ministry of Planning, John came across many well-educated men and women from Milligan College. They told John about the international student program, and John found interest. He then worked more to save for a plane ticket and entry to the program.

In December 1982, John departed for his new journey in the land of opportunity. He was one of few students who were not 17-20 years old.

While on campus, he came across the beautiful woman of his dreams, Betty Hill, and they got married in the chapel at Milligan College. After Mr. and Mrs. Goah graduated from Milligan in 1989, they planned a trip to Liberia to build a Mission. But due to the Liberian civil war, John and Betty had to return to the United States without purchasing the land.

When John returned from Africa, he registered at East Tennessee State University, where he studied marriage and family. He later attended Vanderbilt University as well.

In 2006, John's wife, Betty, passed away. In August 2006, John met Florence W. Wapoh, and they were married on July 5, 2008. John said, "God has been faithful to me and hasn't yet forgotten about me." John said when he thought his hope was gone, God sent an Angel to wipe away his tears. John and Florence were happily married for 14 years.

John was full of life and positively affected everyone he came across. He enjoyed the company of his friends and family. John was a fearless man who strongly believed in God and loved the children of God. John served and was ordained at Thankful Baptist Church. He later relocated to Central Baptist

Church in 2006.

My father was my hero. My father, John G. Goah, will forever be missed and remembered.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
300 N. Roan St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Celebration of Life

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
300 N. Roan St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Interment

MAR 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens
113 Memory Gardens Rd.
Johnson City, TN 37615

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. John G. Goah*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Prayers and thoughts to John's family. John was a dedicated staff person at the Johnson City Seniors' Center for years. We all loved his warm smile and kindness. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Glenna Sue Orr

Glenna Sue Orr - March 16, 2022 at 11:54 PM



“ *John became a family friend when married to Betty Hill Goah. So sorry to hear of his passing. Our sincere condolences to Florence and other loved ones. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Deborah Grey - March 16, 2022 at 02:47 PM



“ *DONALD & PATRICIA THOMAS lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



DONALD & PATRICIA THOMAS - March 12, 2022 at 01:45 PM

TG

“ *Terea And Thomas Graham lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Terea and Thomas Graham - March 11, 2022 at 10:52 PM

YF

“ *Reverend Goah and Betty Hill.*



Yvette Font - March 11, 2022 at 05:41 PM

CF

“ *Condolences and prayers to Florence, Lisa and Goah Family. May the happiest memories of life with John bring you smiles, comfort and peace. He will be remembered for genuinely caring about others. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Cheryl Rhea and Family 🌸*

Cheryl Rhea and Family - March 11, 2022 at 05:25 PM

JS

“ *John was a friend who radiated Christ's presence in his life. He now walks in the garden of the King of kings. May Florence and Lisa be comforted by the life he lived for our Lord.
Judy and Joe Stoneham*

J. Stoneham - March 11, 2022 at 11:38 AM

BS

“ *Bobbie Smith lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Bobbie Smith - March 11, 2022 at 11:16 AM

RM

“ *I am so thankful for John and his impact upon my life. It was an honor and a joy to serve as his pastor and friend for several years. His warm smile, sense of humor, faith in God, and his deep concern for people endeared him to all who knew him. I am praying for Florence and Lisa and the entire family. May God bless you with his presence and His peace.*

*In Christ,
Ron Murray*

Ron Murray - March 11, 2022 at 08:26 AM

SW

“ 🙏 *Prayers for the family during this sorrowful time.*



Susan Wagner - March 10, 2022 at 01:31 PM

SW

“ Susan Wagner sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Susan Wagner - March 10, 2022 at 01:29 PM

RS

“ Rev. Goah was a great man who loved JESUS. May GOD comfort you all during this time.



Ron & Gwen Smith - March 10, 2022 at 12:56 PM

JA

“ Jaymon, edna and Adeline



Jaymon - March 09, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ John was my friend and fellow pastor and it breaks my heart to know he has gone but I am also glad that he has gone to see the King. Rest well my friend.

Joseph Comage - March 09, 2022 at 06:27 PM

EL

“ Elaine lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Elaine - March 08, 2022 at 11:07 AM

CB

“ Charles Buford sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Charles Buford - March 06, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Paulette Robinson - March 04, 2022 at 04:56 AM

SS

“ Sandra Sylvers lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Sandra Sylvers - March 03, 2022 at 03:42 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Pauline Douglas - March 02, 2022 at 10:32 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Elaine brady - March 02, 2022 at 11:50 AM

VR

“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Van Rollins - March 01, 2022 at 02:10 PM

JH

“ *Joseph And Diane Hardin lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Joseph and Diane Hardin - February 28, 2022 at 09:22 PM

DG

“ Deborah Grey lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Deborah Grey - February 27, 2022 at 03:57 AM

TF

“ The Benson Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



The Benson Family - February 26, 2022 at 12:05 PM

FF

“ Fred And Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Fred and Jackie Fields - February 25, 2022 at 07:39 PM

VP

“ Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Viola Patton - February 24, 2022 at 08:05 PM

TG

“ *Terea And Thomas Graham lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Terea and Thomas Graham - February 24, 2022 at 04:16 PM

AS

“ *Aundre Eugene Stevens lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Aundre Eugene Stevens - February 23, 2022 at 10:24 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Greenlee sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Nancy Greenlee - February 23, 2022 at 06:43 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Kathy Mills - February 23, 2022 at 05:32 PM

Mary Rollins

“ Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Mary Rollins - February 23, 2022 at 08:52 AM

GF

“ Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Gary & Moricina Fain - February 23, 2022 at 07:05 AM

CR

“ Clara Rutledge sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Clara Rutledge - February 23, 2022 at 06:46 AM



“ Darlene Goodlett sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Darlene Goodlett - February 22, 2022 at 09:40 PM



You couldn't find a better man. Remember him from NES. He wanted his students to not only live life but to learn from it so they could teach and pass it on. Gonna miss you. God bless the family.

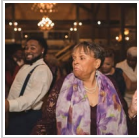
Darlene Goodlett - February 22, 2022 at 09:47 PM

PT

“ *Pauletta Y Thomas lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Pauletta Y Thomas - February 22, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ *Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Carolyn Fain - February 22, 2022 at 07:20 PM

LB

“ *Lee & Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Lee & Lydia Bridwell - February 22, 2022 at 06:16 PM

MS

“ *Humble condolences to the family of Rev. John Goah. I knew Rev. Goah primarily through my work in law enforcement where we would be in the same community meetings/events. I remember Rev. Goah always engaged, friendly, an incisive thinker, and kind...and what a smile. A good man who leaves a great legacy. May God bless you with His peace and comfort at this time.*

Mark Sirois - February 22, 2022 at 06:10 PM

LB

“ *Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - February 22, 2022 at 11:06 AM

AH

“ *Alberta Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Alberta Harris - February 22, 2022 at 09:57 AM

AH

“ *Alberta Harris lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Alberta Harris - February 22, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Phyllis Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Phyllis Askew - February 22, 2022 at 09:09 AM



“ *Phyllis Askew sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Phyllis Askew - February 22, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Carla Forney - February 22, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Phyllis Noaks sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. John G. Goah*



Phyllis Noaks - February 22, 2022 at 04:11 AM

JA

“ Jaymon lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Jaymon - February 21, 2022 at 08:54 PM

JA

“ Jaymon, Edna and Adeline



Jaymon - February 21, 2022 at 08:28 PM

JP

“ Janice Phillips lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Janice Phillips - February 21, 2022 at 06:51 PM

JP

“ Janice Phillips lit a candle in memory of Rev. John G. Goah



Janice Phillips - February 21, 2022 at 06:50 PM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of
Rev. John G. Goah*



William H. Hill Jr. - February 21, 2022 at 06:15 PM