



PALLBEARERS

NEPHEWS
Mark Wade
Eric Wade
Brian Wade
Troy Wise
Thomas Wise, Jr.
Lamont Wade

FLOWER BEARERS

NIECES
Maureen Wade
Genevieve Wade
Odessa Wise
Solonia Wade Baskins
Tawanna Wade Walker
Antwonette Powell
Kimberly Powell
Monica Powell

PSALM 23

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.

HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES: HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.

HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL:

FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME.

THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:

THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP RUNNETH OVER.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE:

AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE FAMILY OF JOHN ALEXANDER WADE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCEREST GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SHOWN US YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. YOUR PRESENCE AS WELL AS YOUR PRAYERS, PHONE CALLS, TEXT MESSAGES, EMAILS, VISITS, CARDS, FLOWERS, WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND ACTS OF KINDNESS WERE EXTREMELY COMFORTING. PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR SYMPATHY AND COMPASSION HAVE NOT GONE UNNOTICED. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR EACH ONE OF YOU AND WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP US LIFTED UP IN PRAYER. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DR. MEET PATEL AND THE STAFF AT INTERFAITH MEDICAL CENTER IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK AS WELL AS THE STAFF AT THE FERGUSON-RAYAM FUNERAL HOME IN WALLINGTON, NEW JERSEY.

THE INTERMENT

BAYVIEW CEMETERY
JERSEY CITY, NJ

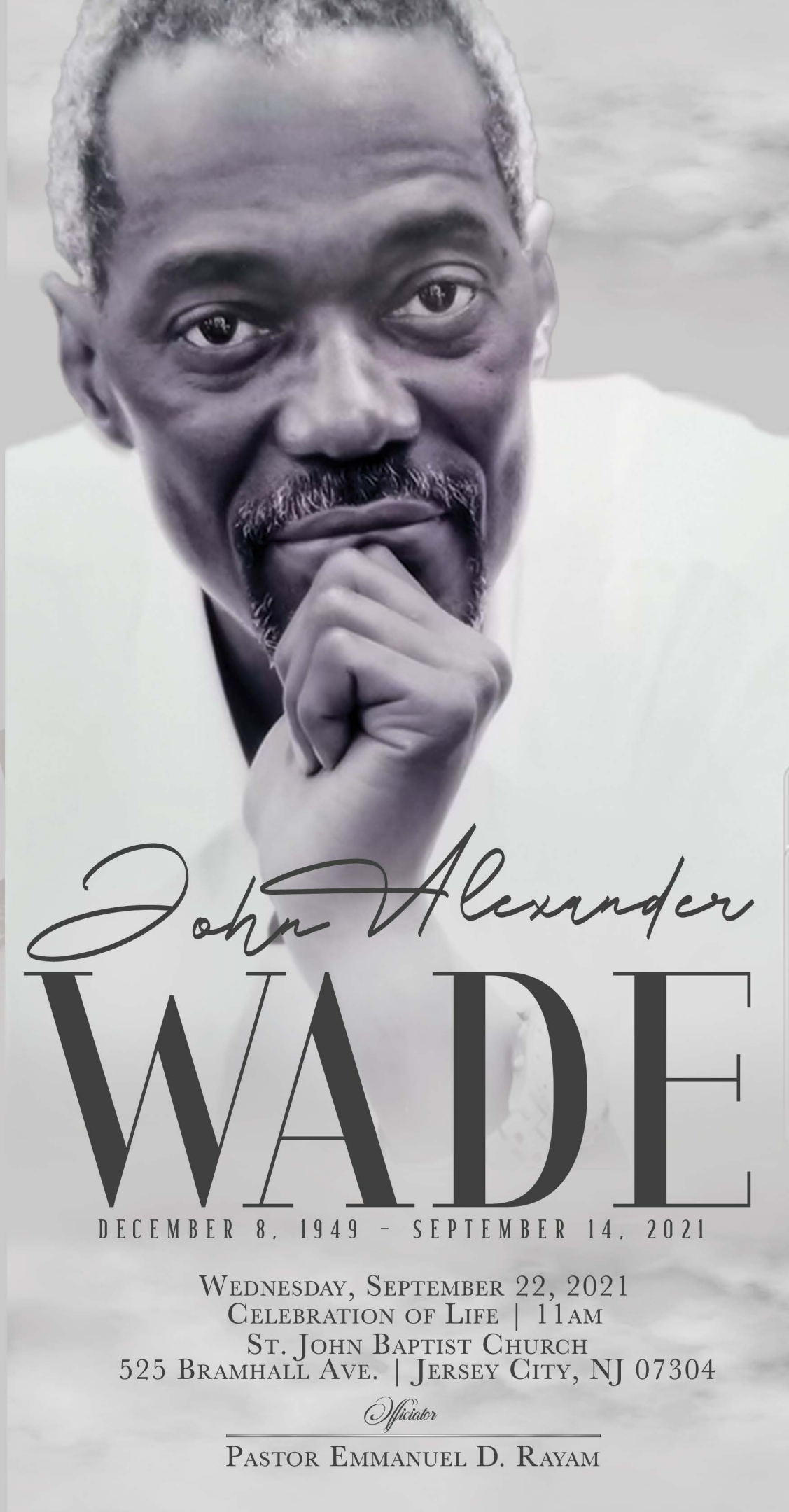
THE FERGUSON-RAYAM FUNERAL HOME



Andrew C. Ferguson
Executive Director • Owner
NJ Lic. No. 5202 • NY Lic. No. 14880

Emmanuel D. Rayam
COO • Owner
NJ Lic. No. 4720

80 Midland Avenue • Wallington, NJ 07057
Tel: (973) 500-4330 • Fax: (973) 506-1556
Email: info@FRFuneralHome.com
www.FergusonRayamFH.com



John Alexander
WADE

DECEMBER 8, 1949 - SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021
CELEBRATION OF LIFE | 11AM
ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
525 BRAMHALL AVE. | JERSEY CITY, NJ 07304

Officiator

PASTOR EMMANUEL D. RAYAM



A TIME TO BE BORN
John Alexander Wade was born on December 8, 1949 in Jersey City, New Jersey to the late Solomon Wade, Sr. and Geneva (Grant) Wade. Growing up in downtown Jersey City, he was the third of five children born to this wonderful union.

A TIME TO LEARN
Alexander, as he was fondly known by his parents and siblings, received his primary education from Jersey City Public School #37, completing his secondary education at James J. Ferris High School.

A TIME TO SERVE
John’s military service to the country started when he joined the United States Marine Corps like his older brother Solomon Wade, Jr.. John proudly served in the Vietnam War and he returned home shortly after sustaining a combat-related injury.

A TIME TO LIVE
Alexander and his siblings were raised in a very loving and devoted Christian home. He and his family worshipped at the Mount Olive Baptist Church when it was located on Wayne Street in Jersey City. Alexander confessed his belief in Jesus Christ at an early age and he regularly attended Sunday School with his siblings. Following in his father’s footsteps, Alexander began working at Sal’s Carwash in downtown Jersey City, while in high school. This was truly a family place of employment where both he and his father enjoyed working. In fact, Alexander later encouraged his young nephew Mark Wade to join. Although John never married, he was known for being a very handsome and charming man who was extremely well-loved and admired. In 1969, John was blessed with his first-born child, John Alexander. Almost two years later, his daughter Yolanda Isadora was born and shortly after her birth, her family relocated to Virginia. In 1973, John’s third child, Sharmon Alexander, was born. Four years later, he was blessed with his “baby girl” Natisha Lynette. John aquired for his daughters a German Sheppard named Jareba that he and his children came to really love. After leaving the carwash, John started working at the Holiday Inn as a Transportation Driver. Soon after, John began working for the Jersey City Board of Education as a Security Guard. In this role, he discovered a way to both make a living and protect his family. His first assignment was at James J. Ferris High School where his nephew, Mark along with nieces, Maureen and Gencieve attended. In fact, it was not uncommon for John to accept school assignments which placed him at any one of the schools where his children attended. When Sharmon started attending Jersey City Public School #9, John was already working close by at Ferris, to continue watching over him. Actually, it was John’s keen sense of duty and awareness which averted a near disaster when he discovered a suspicious package which was later determined to be a bomb that was placed at the school. John’s bravery single-handedly saved the lives of many people when he quickly acted.

In 1982, he began working at Jersey City Public School #14, where his oldest son John attended elementary school. It was there that he enjoyed an extremely proud moment when he saw his son John graduate as the school’s valedictorian in 1983. Shortly afterwards, he moved onto Jersey City Public School #30, where his children, Sharmon and Natisha were both enrolled. Once again, Alexander moved to Henry Snyder High School to keep a watchful eye over his son John during his junior and senior years as well as his younger brother, Sharmon who soon after arrived there as a freshman. John’s older children proudly referred to him as “Pop.” Pop was an avid lover of R&B Old School music and he enjoyed listening to The Gap Band and The Whispers. His favorite song was “Too Late To Turn Back Now” by The Cornelius Brothers & Sister Rose. Alexander also loved traveling with his children and siblings on day trips to Bear Mountain and Coney Island in New York or Seaside Heights in Ocean County, New Jersey. Continuing his career at the Jersey City Board of Education, John also pursued a secondary opportunity working as a Hudson County Correctional Officer, where he was employed for almost eight years. During this next phase of his life, John was blessed again with ten more wonderful children; Tylene Alexandria, Effrin Alexander, Adam Alexander, Paul Thomas, Jazmai Alexandria, Addison Rayjon, Okwante Alexander, Anthony Samad, Christopher Jamal and Alexander Troy. Everyone knew John for his laugh, warm smile and great personality. Throughout his life, he also maintained several close friendships. True friends like “Bishop”, Thomas Wise, “Super”, “Porter”, “Fly”, “Boot”, Tommy Case and Larry Robinson, were well-known to John’s family and his children. To his friends, John was simply known as “Wade.” As Pop got older and could no longer work, he moved to Brooklyn, New York to live with his beloved daughter, Natisha and her family. Tisha and Pop always held a special place in each other’s hearts and when his health declined, she became his primary caregiver.

A TIME TO REST
He peacefully departed this life, to be with the Lord on Tuesday evening, September 14, 2021 at the Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, with his four oldest children John, Yolanda, Sharmon and Natisha at his bedside praying, singing and crying.

A TIME TO REMEMBER
John was preceded in death by his parents; Solomon Wade, Sr. and Geneva Wade; his brother Solomon Wade, Jr. and his sister Edith Lorraine Wade Powell. He leaves to cherish his memory 14 children; John Alexander Johnson (wife Donna), Yolanda Isadora Williams (husband Ricky), Sharmon Alexander Wade, Natisha Lynette Howell, Tylene Alexandria Wade, Effrin Alexander Wade, Adam Alexander Wade, Paul Thomas Ford, Addison Rayjon Wade, Jazmai Alexandria Powell, Okwante Alexander Bragg, Anthony Samad Bell, Christopher Jamal Wade and Alexander Troy Wade. His 19 grandchildren; Darius Alexander Johnson, Ne’Tanya Chi’Nese Howell, Ny’Keya Sade’ Howell, Jai’Nae Bethea, Kyenne Pigott, Jae’El Bethea, Khadia Portia’ Howell, Tariq Dey’ Shaun Howell, Lesi Thoms, Jayden Powell, Adam Wade Jr., Aden Wade, Aliyah Wade, Cameron Alexander, Amira Burgess, August Wade, Makenzie Wade, Aila McSwain and Holly Hope Wade. Two sisters; Louise Wade and Daisy Wise; one sister-in-law Essie Wade and two great-grandchildren; Jai’Yah Quinn and Jaliyah Marie Bethea; three uncles; Leon Sutton, Bobby Sutton and Henry Lee Brooks; three aunts Ernestine Stevenson, Audrey Sutton and Deloris McConnell; his grand pup, Miles Williams and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE	
PROCESSIONAL.....	AT THE CROSS
SEALING OF THE BIER	
SCRIPTURE READINGS	
OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 23	MARK WADE
NEW TESTAMENT: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51 – 58	EVANGELIST SOLONIA WADE BASKINS
PRAYER.....	EVANGELIST ODESSA WISE
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	AMAZING GRACE
REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES (PLEASE LIMIT REMARKS TO TWO MINUTES)	
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....	MINISTER DOREEN RAYAM
OBITUARY (READ SILENTLY)	
SPECIAL REMARKS	OLDEST SON JOHN
SERMONIC SELECTION.....	IWon’t COMPLAIN
EULOGY.....	PASTOR EMMANUEL D. RAYAM
RECESSIONAL	

FOR NONE OF US LIVES TO HIMSELF, AND NO ONE DIES TO HIMSELF. FOR IF WE LIVE, WE LIVE TO THE LORD, AND IF WE DIE, WE DIE TO THE LORD. THEREFORE, WHETHER WE LIVE OR DIE, WE ARE THE LORD’S

ROMANS 14:7-8 NKJV

