

# I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've now found peace at the end of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch:  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee.  
God wanted me now—He has set me free.*

# Acknowledgement

*On behalf of the family of Mr. John Earl Sumlin II, we extend our profound thanks and gratitude to all who expressed sympathy and sent condolences expressing your love and support to us. Even in this incredibly stressful time of a worldwide pandemic, we thank you for finding a way to comfort us in our time of loss. And though there were extenuating limits on what we could do in celebrating John, you still made a way to communicate your love to us. We thank those who attended the final rites service, letting us know that you are with us. Your many prayers and expressions of sympathy helped us immensely to go through this most challenging experience. May God bless all of you and your families.*

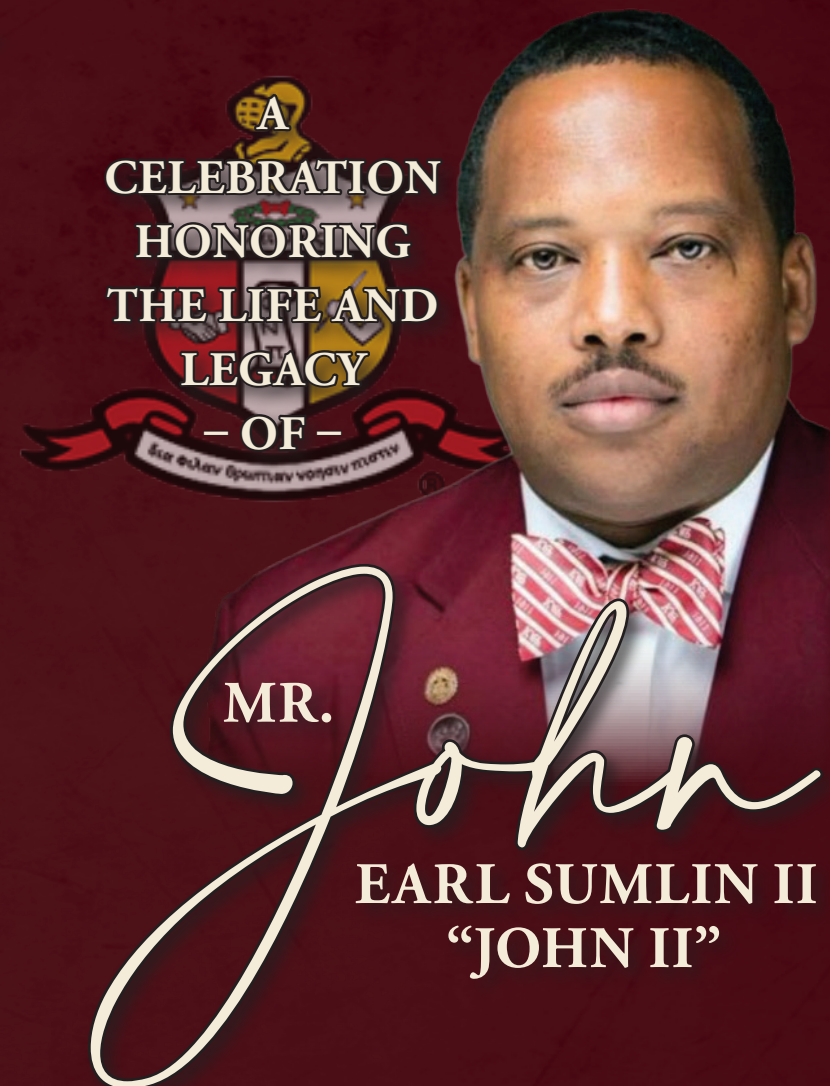
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# Reflections of Life

On December 15, 1971, JOHN E. SUMLIN II was born in Fort Sill, Oklahoma to his parents John Earl Sumlin, Sr., and Rosie Marie (Ray) Sumlin. John II is predeceased by his beloved father who provided a wonderful life for their family while servicing our country in the armed forces. The family moved to Clarksdale, MS when John was still a toddler.

While in high school, John met a beautiful girl named Angela Shaw and yes, he married his high school sweetheart. The two were married on May 2, 1998, and have two beautiful daughters. John attended and graduated from Alcorn

State University in Lorman, MS. He pledged Kappa Alpha Psi. After graduating, he wanted something more for his family than the small town of Clarksdale had to offer. So, with a tank of gas and several interviews lined up, John and his family arrived in St. Louis, Missouri and never looked back.

Throughout his career, John worked for several car dealerships but relished the longest tenure and greatest success with Bommarito Automotive Group, 10 years, and the Auffenberg Dealer Group, where he enjoyed over 29 years as a car salesman and then as a sales manager. He also

maintained his membership with his fraternity and was a proud, active, and dedicated leader of the St. Louis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

John is survived by: his loving and devoted wife of 23 years, Angela; two beautiful daughters, Johnalynn and Anna-Marie Sumlin; his mother, Rosie Marie Sumlin; his sister, Kiesha Sumlin; his friends and coworkers at Auffenberg Dealer Group; and his fraternal brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. - St. Louis Alumni Chapter. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

