



Deacon Bruce W. Littlejohn

November 21, 1955 - May 13, 2015

To Everything There is a Season

A Time To Be Born

Bruce Wayne Littlejohn was born November 21, 1955, to Doris J. Arline and Clarence Wright in Leesburg, Florida. Bruce was raised in Leesburg and he attended Lake County Public Schools. Bruce enlisted in the U. S. Army at the age of 16 and began his career of dedication and service to his country.

A Time To Love

Having met the love of his life, Bruce married Shirley Peterkin Littlejohn on December 9, 1977. To this union, three sons were born.

A Time for every purpose Under the Sun

Bruce W. Littlejohn earned his High School Diploma and attended Big Bend Community College while serving in the U.S. Army. He served his country honorably and after twenty-six years of dedicated service, Bruce retired with honors from the United States Army, as a Sergeant First Class in 1996.

Having retired at such a young age, Bruce could not just sit and do nothing.

With twenty plus years of experience and superior leadership skills, Bruce found employment and worked in lead positions for several companies in the Leesburg/Lake County community, prior to his finale employment as a courier for Life Stream Behavior Center where he remained until his health no longer permitted.

Bruce has earned many awards and medals as a U. S. Soldier but the greatest reward he's ever received is Eternal Life! Bruce accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and chose to make Christian Worship Center his place of worship. Under the leadership of Pastors John and Constance Christian, Bruce served faithfully as an Usher, a Deacon and a dedicated member of the Men of Distinction. Deacon Littlejohn loved the Lord, his family, his pastors and his church family.

Bruce was also a dedicated Masonic Brother.

Free and Accepted Masons Prince Hall Affiliated Assistant District Deputy
Bruce W. Littlejohn

was a member of the following Lodges:

1. Twilight Loge #57 - Eustis, Florida
2. Harmony Chapter #107 Holy Royal Arch Masons - Eustis, Florida
3. William E. Hill Consistory #309 Scottish Rite Masons - Leesburg, Florida
4. Malta Temple #143 Prince Hall Shriners - Orlando, Florida
5. Nero Prince #5 Royal and Select Masons - Orlando, Florida
6. Mars Hill Commandary #11 Knights Templar Masons - Orlando, Florida
7. R E Williams #54 Order of the Eastern Star - Tavares, Florida

A Time To Rest

Deacon Bruce Littlejohn endured sickness for more than two years without complaint and with belief of healing from the Master's hand. The Master made his faith whole by healing him from sufferings and the troubles of this world by carrying him home to glory on the morning of May 13, 2015. Bruce Wayne Littlejohn gladly answered the invitation and peacefully went to be with the Lord, entering into His rest. Romans 8:18 "For I consider that the suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Bruce was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Wright.

A Time To Mourn

Bruce Wayne Littlejohn leaves to cherish his life, love and legacy: his loving and devoted wife of thirty-eight years, Shirley Peterkin Littlejohn of Leesburg, Florida; mother, Doris J. Arline of North Charleston, South Carolina; his sons, Kelvin Littlejohn (Nichole) of Mount Dora, Florida, Shannon Littlejohn (Kimberly) of Leesburg, Florida, Cornelius Littlejohn (Latrece Taylor) of Lady Lake, Florida; his brothers, Clarence Littejohn (Nita) of Wildwood, Florida, Jacquez Arline, Tony Arline (Kesha), Tommy Arline and Jaquin Arline, all of North Charleston, South Carolina, George Wilder (Nancy) of Orlando, Florida; his sisters, Mary Arline and Mavis Arline of North Charleston, South Carolina, Connie Nelson (Willie) of Texas, Charlene Wright of North Carolina; his step mother, Mary Catherine Wright; his brother-in-law, Benjamin Peterkin (Annette) of Lady Lake, Florida; his sisters-in-law, Aaron Peterkin and Verdia Peterkin of Leesburg, Florida; his aunts and uncles, Sarah Gardner (Orlando) of Baltimore, Maryland; like a sister, Joann Robinson (Lorenzo) of Ocala, Florida; Helena Wright, Ted Wright of Orlando, Florida, Eddie Mae Hill of Leesburg, Florida, Susie Peterkin (Curtis) of Leesburg, Florida; his thirteen grandchildren whom he loved dearly; like a niece, Jackie Duncan (Maurice) of Jacksonville, Florida; like a nephew, Kirt Morgan of Leesburg, Florida; a sister-in-law, Annie Mae Peterkin of Leesburg, Florida; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 S.W. 102nd Ave,
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Christian Worship Center
929 County Road 468
Leesburg, FL

Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Citadel of Hope Ministries, Inc.
2795 South Street
Leesburg, FL 34748

Florida National Cemetery Burial

MAY 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 S.W. 102nd Ave,
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall



“ *My best friend in the whole wide world he was such a nice man.And I remember when we went out for drinks and a little boy was asking for something to eat and since he was so nice he let the kid come eat with us and he even gave the kid a place to stay that night.He was such a great man its a shame that he left so early but he is in a better place now.*

Wardell Jhonson - September 26, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ *Deacon Bruce W. Littlejohn*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Hello, my name is Clyde Jennings of Gary,IN I was in the service with Sarge. I lost contact with him been sometime. But I'm truly sorry to hear he passed away. My prays goes out to u n ur family.*

Clyde Jennings - January 03, 2016 at 10:56 AM

SB

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of a fellow Soldier and a hometown classmate.

Below is a poem for you my friend.

I lay here today a Soldier. I know some don't understand. I will try to explain. So maybe you can see that I served my country For many years. I retired long ago. The Soldier that you see here i ston my uniform. I wore it to foreign lands. The Soldier that I was is still the man. I have been a husband, father, and friend To some of you here. But I've been a Soldier all along, Even after so many years,

*My final salute I render today.
I'm still a Soldier. I'm just on my way*

*Command Sergeant Major (Retired)
Sammy J. Brinson Jr.*

sam brinson - May 25, 2015 at 02:37 PM

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“ Tabitha Tisdale Reid purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deacon Bruce W. Littlejohn.



Tabitha Tisdale Reid - May 22, 2015 at 12:31 PM

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Reid

“ You will be truly missed...thanks for celebrating my retirement with another fellow Soldier...HOORAH!
MAJ(R) Tabitha Reid

Tabitha Tisdale Reid - May 22, 2015 at 01:30 AM



“ My heart felt prayers and condolences go out to the family. Uncle Bruce was very loved and will be greatly missed. From the 1st time I met him he always carried himself with a high level of confidence, prestige and respect. Rest in peace Uncle Bruce w/love from Miraki and the children

MzLovely Ladii - May 21, 2015 at 08:48 PM



“ Bruce and I was childhood friends and I have many great memories of our days of playing sport in my backyard @ 201 Bisby St. Leesburg, rest in Lord my Brother!

Lionel Walker Sr - May 21, 2015 at 07:31 PM



“ For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Corinthians 5:1. Evangelist Shirley Littlejohn and family please know that we love you and you are in our prayers. What a blessing to know that you and Deacon Littlejohn faithfully performed your assignment to assist with the upbuilding of God's Kingdom at Christian Worship Center! To God be the glory great things He has done!! Be encouraged. With deepest, sympathy, Pastors Roy and Carolyn DeLoach and members of Fresh Anointing Worship Center, Lancaster, Texas.

Pastor Carolyn DeLoach - May 21, 2015 at 03:42 PM



“ *Brother-in-law, I thank God for your life, your legacy and the memories you left with us. You fought a good fight. You stayed the course, and you trusted our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the very end. It was an honor to be there as you transitioned from this phase of your life. Take your well deserved rest, until we meet again.*

To my sister Shirley, nothing can compare to a praying woman of God. You were there through all of the ups and downs and the Lord answered your prayers. You loved and prayed your husband right into salvation! To my nephews Kelvin, Shannon, and Cornelius, you all had a chance to witness the strength of a real man of God. The changes your Dad made were remarkable and you couldn't help but to notice. Bruce loved his family, and he adored those grandbabies but most importantly, he loved the Lord. Keep your dad's legacy alive by loving the Lord, spending time with your families and I know you're going to look after your mom. Always know that Uncle Ben & I love you all and our prayer is that the Lord will continue to strengthen you in the days, months and years to come!

To the rest of the Littlejohn/Arline family, our heartfelt prayers are extended to you. Please be reminded that Bruce had made preparation for this journey and he was ready to go. Hold his memory near and dear and always love one another.

Annette Peterkin - May 21, 2015 at 11:24 AM