

THE SEASON OF LIFE FOR

JOHN A. CHAVIS

"To everything there is a season. A time for every purpose under heaven." --Ecclesiastes 3:1

A TIME TO BE BORN: John Andrew Chavis was born February 4, 1928 to the proud parents George and Bessie Chavis in Wadesboro, North Carolina.

A TIME TO LEARN: with education being a priority, John began his formal education in Wadesboro, North Carolina. He joined the US marine Corp in June of 1946 and continued his thirst for knowledge, he completed training as an Armed Forces Police, ABC Defense, Drill Instructor, Instructor's Orientation Course, Corrections, Correctional Counseling and 1st Sergeant Course. Upon completing his Military Tour of Duty, he attended Cal State LA University where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree.

A TIME TO LOVE: In 1954, he met Georgia, the love of his life and after a brief courtship, they married. They knew it was truly love at first sight. A relationship that lasted over fifty-eight years. They accepted their vows that they was twine as one. Joined both spiritually and emotionally. A union that time won't forget and few can compare.

A TIME TO NURTURE: He gladly accepted his position as the Head of the family. He took the responsibility of raising and nurturing his niece, nephews, granddaughter Nequia and a large host of relatives and friends. He was a great counselor and true confidant. He was always very honest and matter of fact in his demeanor. We all became part of a military life style even though we never enlisted his love for his family was very evident and unconditional.

A TIME OF WAR: 1st Sgt. John A. Chavis was a true dedicated Marine. He proudly served his country for thirty years. His decorations, medals, badges:

Victory medal WW11, China Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (w/1) Korean Service Medal United nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal (6*) Vietnam Services Medal, Viet Nam Campaign Medal (1960-) Navy Commendation Medal (Combat "V"), Pistol Sharp shooter Badge, Rifle Marksmanship Badge, Good Conduct Medal period commences 17 June-1967. His most recent commendation was on August 14, 2012, he received the congressional Gold Medal honoring him as an original Montford Point Marine.

A TIME TO WORSHIP: Bro. Chavis as he was affectionately called was a member of Mt. Sinai MBC since the late 1950's. He served under the pastorage of the late Dr. H.B. Charles Sr. and H.B. Charles Jr., who he referred to as "Bish", and his now Shepherd Pastor George E. Hurtt. He loved his place of Worship and supported it both spiritually and financially. He was very sure about his walk with God. He would frequently say "It all in the Good Lord's hand." He attended the 8am service. He was picked up every Sunday morning by Lendy Baugh, who took pleasure in making sure he was in his designated seat. Bro. Chavis let nothing stop him, health issues or unfavorable weather from his place of worship.

A TIME TO EMBRACE: Montford Point Marine Association Inc., was one of his great passions. He took great pleasure in being a part of the outstanding association. He was a great supporter of their scholarship program. He attended meetings and other functions that the group had. It was true brotherhood fellowship for him.

A TIME TO DIE: John A. Chavis answered the call of his heavenly Father on December 27, 2012. Christian, Love, Obedience, Service and Dedication are examples he left us of how life should be lived. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Celebration of his life, will forever be cherished by his wife, Georgia Chavis, his brothers Bobbie Chavis Sr., of Greensboro, NC, Walter Wahl of Sacramento, CA and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.