



## Dr. Beverly Matilda John

June 28, 2019

Dr. Beverly Matilda John transitioned to a better place on June 28, 2019. A native of Hempstead, NY Beverly matriculated through Hempstead High School where she graduated in 1971 after which she received her B.A. from Benedict College in South Carolina. After college, Beverly John attended Atlanta University and earned her Master's in Social Work in 1977.

Bev's interest in the African-American people and culture of the South Carolina lowcountry and Georgia Coastal Region, would later provide the content of her dissertation for her Sociology PhD from the University of California, Berkeley in 1991, where she matriculated as a Fellow of the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Beverly John went on to teach Sociology at Hampton University in Hampton, VA where she started as an Assistant Professor and eventually earned tenure and promotion to Associate Professor. Dr. John was recruited to serve as Chairperson of the Sociology Department and was also nominated by the department for the HU Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award on more than one occasion. She also published, led a study abroad semester in Kanuma, Japan, earned a Ford Foundation Fellowship to study in Ghana and was invited for a second time to teach under the auspices of the University of Ghana & the National Council for Black Studies (NCBS).

In 1999, Dr. John moved to Chicago to serve out the remainder of her career as the Associate Vice President for Administrative Services and Executive Assistant to the President and as a Full Professor of Sociology at Chicago State University. In this role, she taught Sociology classes while also managing the Department of Athletics and the Office of Public Affairs and Communications, and serving as the internal and external liaison to the Executive Office of the University. Dr. Beverly John retired from Chicago State in December 2015 and shortly after moved to Millbrook, Alabama to be closer to her mother and sisters.

Beverly is welcomed to rest by her beloved father, Eardlie John, and her loving grandmother, Luella Moore, along with a host of fondly remembered aunts and uncles. She leaves to honor her memories her mother, Evelyn John and her two sisters, Joan John and Karen John; her niece, Ain Bailey, and nephew, Khemit Bailey, and her cousin/friends Eric and Angie Williamson and his children, Toni, Erica, Noelle and Bianca; an array of cherished friends; Nikki Eichelberger, Muriel Rollins, Loretta Braxton, Gwen White, Anu Prestonia and Fanta Lawrence, including former students Stephanie White and Kaia Wright and her kidney donor Paul Mascia.



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“ I would to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Beverly M. John. Like many of my BC classmates Bev was on my mind. I had not spoken to her for a long time so I decided to try and reach out to her. So I searched the internet to try and locate her. That is when I discovered she had passed and I am devastated, Dr. John was the sister I never had and I am glad that our paths crossed. I can remember so many vivid memories of how we joked and laughed. We talked about how we were going to make the world a better place for others and she did. The last time I spoke to her was at the Gullah Festival in Beaufort SC. Dr. Beverly John was special and she will remain in my heart forever. Death is one of the harsh realities of life and one day we all have to face it. It creates a hole that nothing but GOD can fill. Rest in peace Bev because death can not take away our friendship. To the family thanks for sharing her with the world. Her resume speaks for itself and thank you Bev for making the world a better place. GOD bless you.

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