

A veteran - whether active duty, retired, or national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including THEIR LIFE." Author Unknown

## Veteran's List

Johnny P. Hughley	Marine Corps (PFC)	7/15/1953 - 1/1/2017
RJ Findley	Air Force (SGT)	3/1/1947 - 1/2/2017
Robert Wright	Army (SPC)	3/15/1947 - 1/2/2017
Cleveland Sanders	Army (PVT)	11/24/1942 - 1/28/2017
Eddie Lee Ogletree	Army (SGT)	11/14/1941 - 2/28/2017
Eugene Hughley	Army (PVT)	2/5/1931 - 3/1/2017
John Henry Vinson	Army (PFC)	3/23/1929 - 3/19/2017
Rodger Williams	Army (E1) World War 2	10/15/1911 - 4/7/2017
Walter Lee Tignor	Army (SPC)	2/18/1955 - 4/17/2017
Roosevelt Rowe, Jr.	Army (PFC)	5/17/1929 - 6/5/2017
James Melton	Navy (PO3/E4)	2/19/1937 - 7/17/2017
Artie Echols	Army (SP4/E4/T)	5/12/1938 - 8/24/2017
Step Mitchell, Jr.	Army	7/23/1942 - 12/3/2016
Lee Wright	Army (SPC)	8/23/1968 - 9/1/2017

## Special Thanks

Auburn High School JROTC Program  
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Ushers: Auburn High School FBLA



## Thank You

Today, we celebrate America's Veterans for keeping our Nation the land of the free and the home of the brave. Let us say "thank you" to all of our veteran's, to let them know that we appreciate them for their service and honor them for their sacrifices. The price of freedom is high. We cannot afford to forget those who have been willing to pay it.



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# Veterans Day Celebration



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

12:00 NOON

HARRIS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL

# Order of Service

Patriotic Music

Welcome .....Frank Hightower

Invocation ..... Reverend Tommy Davis

Pledge of Allegiance..... Judy Lockhart

Speaker ..... Dr. Johnny R. Green

Introduction of Guests ..... Ramon Harris

## HONORING AMERICAN HEROES PAST HARRIS FUNERAL HOME HONOREES

2013 .....Lenell Harris

2014 ..... Paul Michael Gibson

2015 ..... James Frank Hughley

2016 ..... Willie B. Robinson

Moment of Silence ..... Ramon Harris

2017 Distinguished Honoree ..... Wilbert Sparks

Remarks

Benediction.....Dr. Johnny Green



GUEST SPEAKER

## Dr. Johnny R. Green

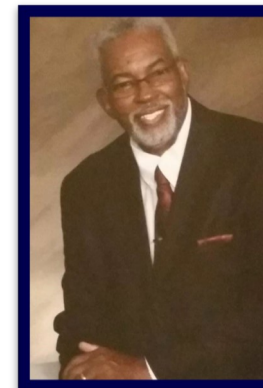
Dr. Johnny R. Green is presently serving as Vice President of Student Affairs Outreach at Auburn University. Dr. Green is deeply enmeshed in Auburn in a number of ways. He is a former student athlete (football), has received four degrees from Auburn including a B.S., M.P.A., M.B.A. and his Ph.D.

Dr. Green also served as spiritual advisor to the Auburn Men's Basketball Program for 10 years under coaches Cliff Ellis and Jeff Lebo. Dr. Green has also been employed as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Auburn University and as Director of Auburn University's first Center for Diversity and Race Relations, as Vice President for Access, Outreach and Community Initiatives, as the Dean of Students. From November 2010 – January 2016, Dr. Green was chosen to head the new Auburn University Veterans Student Resource Center which under his leadership achieved national recognition for three consecutive years for the work they do for veteran students. Dr. Green has served as the Chair of the City of Auburn Planning Commission, on the Board of Directors of the Lee County Boys and Girls Clubs and Vice Chair of the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation. He is an ordained Baptist Minister and Pastor of 37 years' experience and currently serves as pastor of the Cross Road Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama. He is married to the former Gloria D. (Diane) Smith of Auburn, and is the father of two children, Rod and Janelle.

HONOREE

## Wilbert Lee Sparks

Wilbert Lee Sparks is the son of the late Leon and Alberta Sparks. He was drafted into the United States Army on August 25, 1965 at the age of 21, and was trained in Combat Infantry at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He engaged in combat in Mekong Delta/Nambay, Vietnam during 1966-1967.



Wilbert returned from the war in 1969 and married Rosa Ann Jordan. They were married for 27 years and had three son, Darren, Maurice and Rodney. Rosa Ann passed away on September 2, 1997.

Mr. Sparks worked several jobs after the Army, but was later employed with Uniroyal Goodrich where he worked for 33.5 years. He has been an active member of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church for many years, where he serves as a Deacon and Treasurer.

Mr. Sparks is enjoying a full life of retirement with his present wife, Joyce Sparks, for the past 18 years.

Mr. Sparks is a survivor. A survivor not only of the Vietnam war, but a survivor of cancer.

We salute Wilbert Lee Sparks.

