



## John I Olaniyan

April 28, 1984 - August 17, 2020

Petty Officer John I Olaniyan, 36, of Benton Harbor died Monday, August 17, 2020 in Okinawa, Japan while serving in the US Navy.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 1 PM on Friday, September 4, at the Fairplain Seventh-Day Adventist Church where Military Honors will be held. The visitation will begin at Noon on Friday at the church. Cremation will follow the service. Arrangements are by the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Please share messages, memories or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

John was born on April 28, 1984 in Salem, OR to Amos and Bola Olaniyan. After graduation from High School he joined the US Navy and made that his career. John was a Sonar Technician (Surface) and achieved the rank of Petty Officer First Class. His career spanned 18 years, having numerous deployments including one combat tour in Iraq. John was a superior technician, fine sailor and a shipmate who will be missed by his team. He was quick to gain the trust and friendship of his fellow sailors. He loved reading especially science fiction and enjoyed music. John was a quiet and dependable individual who cared about his family. His decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (x5), the Army Achievement Medal and a Flag Letter of Commendation.

His family includes his mother, Bola Olaniyan of Benton Harbor, his sister, Sarah Olaniyan of Santa Rosa, CA and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Amos Olaniyan, in 2016.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation will follow Service**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

SEP 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Seventh-Day Adventist  
140 Seneca  
Benton Harbor, MI

### Service Celebrating His Life

SEP 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Seventh-Day Adventist  
140 Seneca  
Benton Harbor, MI

### Military Honors

SEP 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Seventh-Day Adventist  
140 Seneca  
Benton Harbor, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ella Scott lit a candle in memory of John I Olaniyan*



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**Ella Scott** - September 07, 2020 at 01:48 PM

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“ *Barbara Richmond sent a virtual gift in memory of John I Olaniyan*



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**Barbara Richmond** - September 03, 2020 at 10:09 AM

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*Bola and Family  
My thoughts a prayers are with you at this time.  
May you find comfort in the One sent to Comfort us!.  
Matthew 5:4*

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**Barbara Richmond** - September 03, 2020 at 10:16 AM

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“ *Thank you for your service, John. May you rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with John's family and friends.*



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**BH Resident** - August 31, 2020 at 07:24 AM