



Archie Lee Thorpe, Sr.

October 12, 1927 - April 12, 2012

Archie Lee Thorpe, Sr. departed this life, April 12, 2012. He was born in Henrico, Virginia on September 9, 1927 to the late William and Myrtle A. Thorpe. He attended the Virginia Randolph School in Glen Allen, Virginia.

He enlisted in the United States Army in 1946 and was honorable discharged in 1947.

Archie worked for AT&T Telephone until he retired in July, 1984. He was the first Black installer in the state of Virginia, running lines to all the buildings in the City of Richmond. He also installed all of the telephone lines at St. James Baptist Church. After leaving AT&T, he worked for A&J Telephone Co. and Meekins Electrical Co.

Archie accepted Christ at an early age at St. James Baptist Church but was baptized at Antioch Baptist Church because of a church fire. He served for many years. He is a member of the Trustee Board for which he was emeritized in June 2009. He also served on the Child Development Center Board. He was also a member of the Sunday School and Zarhites Sheepfold.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Elizabeth T. Waller and brothers; William, James (Pep) and Daniel Thorpe.

He was married to Bertie A. Thorpe and out of this union was one son, Archie L. Thorpe, Jr.

Left to cherish his memory is a loving and devoted companion, Frances S. Christmas, son Archie L. Thorpe, Jr. and sister, Ruth Bentley. Archie was a "father figure" to Robin Baughan (James), Crystal Christmas-Best (Vincent), and Bernard Christmas, Jr (Aundrea); six grandchildren, one great-grand child and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 16. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

APR 16. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 17. 1:00 AM (ET)

St. James Baptist Church
2169 New Market Road
Richmond, VA 23231

Tribute Wall



“ Archie Lee Thorpe, Sr.

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



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Ms Springer - April 15, 2012 at 11:49 AM



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Ms Springer - April 14, 2012 at 07:30 PM

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“ Dear Family. I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of your dear Archie. When our loved ones die, we mourn. We die because of Adam's sinful condition as well as death was passed on to all of his descendants. (Rom 5:12) That sin is like a terrible inherited disease from which no one can escape. Its consequence, death, is a curse. Death is an enemy, not a friend. (1Cor 15:26) How grateful we can be that Jehovah God provided the ransom to rescue us from this dreadful enemy through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ! The Bible foretells a time when "death will be no more." (Rev. 21:4). Jehovah God created us with the desire to live forever. Read these scriptures anytime you think of Archie; may they console you, because as long as you stay close to God and serve him wholeheartedly, you will see Archie in the Earthly Paradise! (Psalm 37:29; Rev 21:3,4).

Taren Williams - April 14, 2012 at 09:24 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - April 13, 2012 at 01:09 PM