



Charles Frederick Thompson

September 9, 1921 - September 6, 2004

Charles Frederick Thompson, son of the late Charles F. Thompson and Irene C. Thompson was born September 9, 1921 in Baltimore, Maryland. After a brief illness, he drew his earthly curtain and slipped peacefully away early Monday morning, September 7, 2004. He was educated in Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Carver Vocational High School in 1939. Shortly after graduation, he went into the US Army and served his country proudly during World War II. Having a keen ear for music, Charles learned to play the saxophone in the Army and became a member of the US Army Band. More importantly, he was a member of a distinguished and elite group—the Buffalo Soldiers. (Historical note: in 1866, Congress established regiments of Black soldiers in the regular army, to be led by white officers. These regiments served on the frontier, often in the most difficult regions. The name “Buffalo Soldiers” seems to have originated with the Native Americans, possibly because Black soldiers reminded the Native Americans of the head on the buffalo or because the Native Americans likened the Black Soldiers courage to that of the buffalo. This traditional name of Buffalo Soldiers remained with Black units until All Black army units were banned during the mid 20th century. In 1943 he married the late Helen M. Bailey. They enjoyed forty-two years together. From this union was born their son, Reginald C. Thompson, Sr. Charles received his early religious training, his First Communion, and Confirmation through the Catholic Church. Later, he joined Harlem Baptist Church being one of its first members. He served on the usher board. He

enjoyed visiting and attending services at many churches in the community. Returning home from the war, Charles began a career that would last for 37 years as a mechanic for Rea Keech Buick. He also worked for five years in the Baltimore County School System. Charles was not a person who enjoyed being idle. He was active in VFW, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and served as a member as well as commander of the Thompson-Miller Post #9527. Instead of enjoying a life of leisure during his golden retirement years, he volunteered at the Ruscombe Gardens Apartments working in the kitchen, decorating during the holidays, coordinating parties and trips, and serving in any way that the residents of that community needed him. He always enjoyed music and played the saxophone with the Jimmy Smith Rockets of Rhythm Band for over twenty years. The band entertained people all over the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. Charles leisure-time activities included playing horseshoes and cards, shooting pool and listening to music-especially "Oldies" and spirituals. He enjoyed spending time with his family and used his great sense of humor to keep everyone laughing. He remained an authority on auto mechanics and was able to answer questions and give competent advice to anyone who asked. He leaves to cherish his memories his son, "Reggie," one granddaughter, Tammi; two grandsons, Steven and Reginald Jr.; one grandson-in-law, Paul; one granddaughter-in-law, Leah; and four great-grandchildren. He also leaves his sister, Elveria Jackson; two brothers, Allen Thompson and Carl Thompson; three sisters-in-law, Lorraine Thompson, Maeola Thompson and Pearl Thompson; two brothers-in-law, John Jackson and William C. Straughn; a host of nieces, nephews, and many, many friends.

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“ *Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at John 11:25,26 where Jesus says "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life; and everyone that is living and exercises faith in me will never die at all." May you be comforted by this scripture.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##*

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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