

Cornelius "Tony" Irvin Thompson

December 30, 1954 - March 15, 2023

A Life Well-Lived

Cornelius "Tony" Irvin Thompson, peacefully departed this life on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. He was born in Richmond, Virginia on December 30, 1954 into a loving family to the late Dazarie Thompson and Willie Montague. He was the middle child of nine siblings.

He grew up in Church Hill and was educated in the Richmond Public School system. Tony was baptized at an early age and was a member of Cedar Street Baptist Church. He later enlisted into the United States Marines Corps. where he proudly served his family and country. He toured in Japan and other countries. Upon completion of his military duties, an honorable discharge was presented to him. Tony was employed by the Defense General Supply – Bellwood where he retired after 30 years.

He was a doting dad and devoted grandfather where he would happily get his grandbabies off the school bus daily. He was a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan. Tony was a person who said what he meant and meant what he said. He was a man who kept his word, while he quietly helped others.

The family will miss his sense of humor, calls on schedule: holidays, birthdays and a few that were random. Although he was a man of few words, his

presence spoke volumes. He was the middle of nine children, the one who connected the oldest to the youngest. He was so cool, calm and peaceful. We will remember Tony as a person who loved, protected, provided and served. A loving brother, father, grandfather, and friend. He loved his “spirits” which really made him comical and the life of the party. Tony was strong, proud, a Marine, always a Marine.

Tony was also preceded in death by his grandmother Estelle Curtis; nephew, Charles S. Thompson III and nieces, Ireca Morris and Alicia Drake.

He leaves to cherish his memory to his family: life long companion, Jacqueline Smoot; son, Cornelius Smoot; daughters, Racquel Powell and Tameka Smoot; grandchildren, Ke’Shaun, Cornesha, Shanyia, Marvin, Antonio, Patricia, Kayla, Taylor, Taniya, Madyson and Amari; great-grandson, Damien; four brothers, Charles Thompson (Annette), Willie Thompson (Shirley), Jonathan and William Thompson; four sisters, Yvonne Jones (John), Charlene Jefferson (Percell), Sheila Waller and Mary Greene (Earnest); a host of nieces, nephews, friends, one devoted, Sheridan “Danny” Johnson Sr. (Angela).

Tony, you have left us with many memories to be cherished.
We are so grateful for the time shared with you.
Until we meet again!

Cemetery Details

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, VA 23002

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

MAR 24. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life with livestreaming available

MAR 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Cornelius "Tony" Thompson, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Cornelius "Tony" Irvin Thompson*



March Funeral Homes - March 18, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cornelius "Tony" Irvin Thompson.*



March 21, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ *CORNY, YOU WERE A WO M DERFUL CHILDHOOD FRIEND THAT WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. RIP MY FRIEND, FROM CHARMAINE OWENS*

Charmaine Owens - March 20, 2023 at 08:23 PM



Sorry for your Loss Rest in Peace Tony #700 fam. The Mealey family.

Edna Mealey - March 25, 2023 at 02:10 PM

DJ

“ *RIH my friend
Dee Dee*

Dee Dee Johnson - March 20, 2023 at 08:19 AM

OB

“ *When I moved back to Virginia from Connecticut Tony and Danny-
Got off from work Loaded the Truck and turned around and came
back to Richmond- True Brothers- Oscar J. Butler Richmond Va*

Oscar J Butler - March 19, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ *What can I say,Tony was my BEST friend for 59 years.In those 59
years we NEVER argued or got mad at each other. This man had
the biggest heart and loved everyone. We've rode from Mississippi
to Richmond,Georgia to Richmond and may say 2 words to one
another but he'd look over at me and I to him during the
ride,knowing that we were together.Just as I know now that he is
here with me and I with him as he walks with his grandmother and
Mother. Of course I could write a book on our adventures,but I
choose to just know that he's with me everyday,my heart is full. To
my sisters Yvonne,Sheila, Charlene and Mary Im here for
you,thanks for allowing me to be part of your family. To my brothers
Charles,Timmy,Jay,and Billy love you guys. Kelly,Thank and Meka
you guys know I love you and I'm here for you. To Jackie the LOVE
of Tony's life,thanks for always being by his side even in tuff times.
You are truly one of kind.*

Sheridan Johnson Sr - March 19, 2023 at 09:44 AM

AH

Tony you will surely be missed. Growing up on 23rd & Marshall Streets you had us calling you Pretty Tony. You were always same, laid back, easy going and willing to lend a helping hand. From my wedding to our family gatherings, thanks for being our resident bartender. Rest well "Pretty" Tony.

Ann and Josie

Angela Henderson - March 19, 2023 at 09:41 PM

EJ

Rest in Heaven my dear friend (slow Walker). as I called you. I remember on one of my visit back home I was told some people were talking smack about me and you were the one whom stood up for me when I was in another city I Thank You for always being a true friend and uncle to my children You will surely be missed

Shane

Ethel Johnson - March 19, 2023 at 11:22 PM

V)

Gonna miss you my childhood friend , such good times that we all share. From my family to yours we are sending prayers y'all way . My son Jay love him some uncle TONEY .Our hearts are broken right now ,but we know you are in a better place .Rest on my life time friend we love you your friend SISTER 🙏

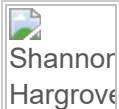
Verna Matthews (SISTER) - March 22, 2023 at 10:47 AM

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Sleep in peace Uncle Tony, I'm definitely gonna miss your crazy tail self for sure lol. You know I got my sister and brother for life. Love you Unc!



Teasha Morgan (Tee) - March 22, 2023 at 05:44 PM



Love you uncle Tony forever in my heart give uncle Dick aunt Sandra and my grandma a hug for me

Shannon Hargrove - March 25, 2023 at 10:30 AM

SW

“ *There are few things more beautiful than a person who goes out of his way to make life easier/more beautiful for others. That was my brother, Tony. I am blessed to call him brother. He will be missed so much but when I look in the sky, I know he will be the brightest star blinking at me. Love you. Sheila W*

Sheila Waller - March 18, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ *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 - March 17, 2023 at 03:28 PM