



Dempsey Lee Tharps

February 18, 1919 - October 27, 2001

Dempsey Lee Tharps fought the fight of faith and on October 21, 2001, finished his course and entered into eternal peace after a lengthy illness. Dempsey was born on February 18, 1919 in Plymouth, North Carolina to the late Thomas and Addie Bennett Tharps. He was reared in a Christian environment and joined The Lily of the Valley Baptist Church at an early age. Dempsey received his education at Plymouth High School. In 1945, he was inducted into the United States Navy and later received an honorable discharge. Dempsey was united in holy matrimony to Mildred M. Basnight on October 6, 1940 and from this union, four children were born. Dempsey brought his family to Baltimore, Maryland in 1943 and became employed at Bethlem Steel Shipyard in Sparrows Point, Maryland. Later, he worked for the Baltimore City board of Education as an Operations Supervisor for 25 years. He retired in March, 1981. He received numerous awards and certificates for his hard work. Dempsey was a very stern and outspoken person, who have his advice, whether you wanted it or not. He was honest and outspoken in everything he did. In 1967, he joined the Conerstone Church of Christ, under the leadership of the late Dr. I. Logan Kearse. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 61 years, Mildred; two sons, Morris L. Tharps, Sr., of Bayside, Wisconsin and Vernon Tharps of Stone Mountain, Georgia; two daughters, Vanessa M. Lockley of California, Maryland and Theaster Marie Dickens of Baltimore, Maryland; two daughters-in-law, Quincey Tharps and Beverly Tharps; two sons-in-law, Wayne Lockley and Raymond Dickens;

seven grandchildren, Charles, Jr. (spouse Yvette), Richard, Sr. (spouse Natalie), Elisa (spouse Jeffrey), Lori(Manuel), Timeka, Morris, Jr., and April; four great-grandchildren, Crystal, Richard, Jr., Nathan and Isai; two sisters-in-law, Bernice Gaylord and Carter Burrus; one brother-in-law, Vandras Basnight; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dempsey Lee Tharps*

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“ *May God bless you and be with you in your time of sorrow. May He give you strength and hope to meet each new tomorrow. He has said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee... Hebrew13:5 Sincerely, The March Family and Staff##imported-begin##Victor C. March, Sr.##imported-end##*

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