



Ernell C. Thornton

April 6, 1933 - July 24, 2017

ERNELL C. THORNTON was born on April 6, 1933 in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. He was the fourth child of Vernon and Rebecca White Thornton.

Ernie was educated in the Baltimore City School System. He graduated from Carver Technical High School and attended the Community College of Baltimore. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Wichita Falls, Texas. He married his childhood sweetheart, Sylvia Johnson and from this union came two daughters, Valerie Carol and Vanessa Rene.

Ernie was employed by Koppers, where he was a machine mechanic. He was later employed by the Baltimore City Police Department where he served for 24 years as a patrolman, an undercover narcotics officer and later a homicide detective. While on the police force, he was a founding member of the Vanguard Justice Society, as well as a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. After retirement, he was re-employed by the State of Maryland as an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Investigator.

Ernie loved bowling, fishing and sports, especially football. He also loved the aroma of a quality blend coming from a fancy pipe while watching TV, reading the newspaper or listening to jazz-sometimes all at the very same time.

Loving memories of him will live on in the hearts of: his daughters, Valerie T.

Thomas (Ralph) and Vanessa R. Rentas (Pedro); Sylvia Thornton; two grandchildren, Ernell and Morgan; one sister, Mildred "Ola" Jackson (George); brothers, James (Edna), Cephas (Betty), Vernon and Aaron Thornton; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 2. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

AUG 3. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Douglass Memorial Community Church
1325 Madison Avenue
Baltimore, MD

Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ernell C. Thornton*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Denise Cato lit a candle in memory of Ernell C. Thornton*



Denise Cato - September 22, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ *To family of Ernell*

*Our love and prayers are still with you. Lean upon the breast of Jesus for release of your sorrow and anguish.
We love you.*

Rev. Lewis & Frances Keene

Lewis Keene - August 03, 2017 at 04:56 AM

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Rev. Lewis & Frances Keene

Lewis Keene - August 03, 2017 at 04:56 AM

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“ *Uncle Ernie!! I'm going to miss those long phone calls that we had about work and family. So glad we were able to reconnect before you crossed over. You always had much to teach me about work. One thing you always said is how much you loved Vanessa and Valerie. Until we meet again. Tell my mom, Ann, we miss her. Love Missy!!*

Danielle Sherman - July 31, 2017 at 10:11 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 - July 31, 2017 at 07:50 AM