



John D. Thompson

April 3, 1931 - August 10, 2020

On Monday, August 10, 2020 at 4:52 PM, the Lord saw fit to call His beloved son, JOHN DAVID THOMPSON, from labor to reward at the age of 89.

JOHN was born on April 3, 1931, in Fairfield County; South Carolina; to the late Andy Thompson & Lizzie Davis Starks Thompson. He attended Chapel School in South Carolina in the early 1930s with his sisters & brothers.

JOHN enlisted in the Army on March 20, 1953. He served his country in the Korean War, where he earned various medals and citations which included the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal. He separated from the military in March of 1953, with an Honorable Discharge. JOHN returned to Fairfield County, SC where he lived with his family. Within a year of his return, he became the proud father of a beautiful daughter, but he wasn't ready to settle down just yet. As time moved on, John met the love of his life, Beulah Mae Means. They wed in 1957, and lived in Baltimore, Maryland. From this union, they had four adorable children.

PETE was the name that John has known for many years. It seems no one really knows where it originated. It was said that because the midwives couldn't read nor write, your birth name & dates could be incorrect on many of the birth certificates. Pete went through most of his life with the birthdate of

April 29th, until finding his actual date of April 3rd, just a few years ago.

PETE was an avid baseball fan, and loved his Orioles. Back in the day, he enjoyed hosting bid whist parties at his home, and continued to speak of those he missed...Hubert & Nancy Mae, King & Mary, and Johnny & Martha.

PETE worked for Bond Bakery for many years; having the opportunity to work alongside his brother, Frank. But he later found his most rewarding position at General Electric in Columbia, MD, where he worked as a specialized paint mixer for many years until his retirement. The discipline he learned in the Army never left him, as friends and family will attest to that.

PETE rededicated his life to Christ and joined the Fountain Baptist Church in the early 1970s. There he served as a member of the Deacon Board under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Charles M. Franklin, Sr. It was out of Fountain that Dr. C.M. Franklin birthed a new church, the Ray of Hope Baptist Church. There, PETE loved serving alongside the Deacons of Ray of Hope. He always spoke highly of them all, but even to this day, he still reserves a special place in his heart for Deacons Tabron & Pulliam. Pete also loved the C.M. Franklin Inspirational Choir, who he supported at every concert.

Then in the late 1980's, JOHN joined the New Pilgrim Baptist Church, where he worked faithfully. He was proud to serve on the Trustee Board under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Davenport, Sr., where he enjoyed serving alongside his cousin, John Peoples. PETE also assisted the church as a bus driver and custodian. He was a humble man, whose only concern was that the work of the Lord was done. Mr. PETE was also known as the man who could get anything repaired for you. He kept his little note book in his left shirt pocket with the names and numbers of all types of contractors around town.

PETE recently became a member of the Easter Seals Adult Day Program, attending 2-3 days a week alongside his wife and brother. He later found out

this was the same program his Aunt Sadie attended.

PETE'S life and legacy is now survived by his wife, Beulah; five children: Martha Rollins (Billy) of NC, Kim Morgan, Joan Thompson-Hill (Allan), Terry Thompson and Keith Thompson, all of MD; Six grandchildren, John Strothers & Floyd Strothers both of NC, Melanie Cragway (Carl), Brittanie Morgan, William Morgan, and Terry Thompson, Jr., all of MD. He leaves behind nine great-grandchildren, with three he saw often and loved dearly, MaKayla, Gabrielle & Madison of MD. He also cherished three great-great-grandchildren. He also leaves two sisters-in-law, Gladys Hardy of Blair, SC; Shirley (James) Green of Ridgeway, SC; two brothers-in-law, Lawrence Means (Pearl) and Freddie Means, both of Warrenville Heights, OH; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, family & friends.

John loved his church, and spoke often of three special people that held a place in his heart; Rev. Dr. Sandra Ferguson, and Trustees Sharon McCleod and Frank Rosborough.

John was the last surviving sibling of his family. He now joins them in eternity; his father & mother, sisters, Lillie (Maggie) Miller, Pearl Kirkpatrick, Lucy Mac Means, Mary Davis & Mae Clauney; brothers, Frank Thompson, Andy Thompson, Jr. and Moses Thompson.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 727-3300
info@marchfh.com

Wake

AUG 18. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Pilgrim Baptist Church**
629 N. Washington Street
Baltimore, MD 21205

Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John D. Thompson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Video/Slide Show of John Thompson Funeral*



Family - September 02, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ *Brittanie, you have my deepest sympathy in the lost of your grandfather. Be strong
Be Bless. J.A Powell-coworker*

Jacqueline A Powell - August 18, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *GWEN SUGICK sent a virtual gift in memory of John D. Thompson*



GWEN SUGICK - August 17, 2020 at 03:46 PM

JT

Thank you Gwen, and our SC family, for everyone's love & support. I will check with the funeral home regarding your virtual gift.

Joan Thompson-Hill - August 18, 2020 at 10:23 PM

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“ *GWEN SUGICK lit a candle in memory of John D. Thompson*



GWEN SUGICK - August 17, 2020 at 03:44 PM

EP

“ *Elizabeth Price lit a candle in memory of John D. Thompson*



Elizabeth Price - August 15, 2020 at 05:09 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.*

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