



Raymond E. Thompson

January 5, 1922 - January 15, 2013

We are grateful for the life of RAYMOND E. THOMPSON. We love him, and we praise him for his generous and nurturing spirit, his pleasant and quietspoken personality, his gentleness, dignity, faith, courage, and commitment to his family, friends, church, and community.

Raymond Ellis Thompson was born on January 5, 1922. He was the seventh and last-born child to the late Edward and Emma Thompson.

On Tuesday morning, January 15, 2013, ten days after his ninety-first birthday, Raymond Ellis Thompson, affectionately known as "Ray" and "Pop Pop", departed this world and quietly slipped away to be with his Lord and Savior, after a short illness.

Raymond received his education from the Baltimore City Public School System, in which, he was involved in many different activities. While a student at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, he met the late Geneva Davis in the tenth grade. On April 14, 1942, they were joined in Holy Matrimony, and from this union they had nine children. He was a devoted husband and a loving father to his children.

Raymond enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II, and received an honorable discharge.

Raymond's professional career at the American Smelting and Refining Company in Baltimore City began in 1952 and spanned more than thirty years. During his tenure, he was a crane operator; he served as the president of the union, in which he had to travel to different places, especially to Mexico. Raymond received numerous awards, certificates, and recommendations for his dedicated service. He celebrated his retirement in 1972. After retiring, he was employed by the Jessup Prison System, as well.

Raymond received his early religious training in the Baptist Church. Later, he was also baptized at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in 1954; he was a devout Catholic. Through the years, where he held membership for more than fifty years, he was also beneficiary of his talents and commitment. Raymond was a contributing worker in his church. He was a member of the Mass Choir, he served as an Extraordinary Eucharist Minister, he was an Usher, a member of the Holy Name Society, a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and a member of The Knights of St. Peter Claver, in which he held the position and title "Grand Knight" of Council 323. Raymond was also a member of The 4th Degree Council #41, and he worked with the "BUILD" organization of St. Francis Xavier, as well. Also, he was proud to serve as a "Sacristan" daily and whenever needed.

East Baltimore was enhanced through his efforts. As a result of many years of service, Raymond performed an important role within his community. As a founder of the "Oliver Community Association", where he also resided on the

board under the Baltimore Mayor, Clarence "Du" Burns, Raymond and his late wife, Geneva were honored with a Street Naming dedication. The dedication is

located at the intersection of Caroline and Lanvale Streets. The ceremony for this

prestigious honor took place on January 6, 2013, nine days before his departure.

This intersection has been commemorated and renamed as "Raymond & Geneva

Thompson Way" in recognition of their extensive and diligent work in the Oliver

Community in Baltimore City.

Raymond explored, with enthusiasm, many of life's opportunities and challenges. He was a Travel Coordinator. He traveled extensively for years, in which he visited Europe, Spain, the Panama Canal, Alaska, and the North and South Caribbean, just to name a few. Most of his traveling was by way of a Cruise. His favorite trip was his Pilgrimage to Rome, Italy where he was able to see the "Pope".

Raymond enjoyed life. He was a "Jack of All Trades". He had many hobbies, which included carpentry, photography, artwork of ceramics and paintings, as well. He loved to listen to jazz and attended jazz concerts, and was a founding member of the Left Bank Jazz Society. He was also a natural-born innovator of technology and electronics. And most importantly, he loved spending time reading daily, especially the Bible.

Raymond was a mentor to his family and friends in many ways. They depended upon him as a person who was willing to offer guidance when and where needed. He is now at rest. His generosity and goodwill will continue to

live in the hearts and souls of family and friends that he leaves behind.

Raymond leaves to cherish his memory: devoted children, Attrice A. Stamps, Augusta Renae Pierce, DeIVerra L. Savage, Claude W. Thompson, Rosalind R. Thompson and Maria D. McNeal. He was preceded in death by wife, Geneva Thompson; daughter, Sandra Thompson; sons, Raymond E. Thompson and Robert L. Thompson. Raymond also leaves to mourn: brother, George Thompson; daughter-in-law, Lanella Thompson; sons-in-law, Thomas C. Pierce, Robert Savage and Bernard McNeal; twenty-eight grandchildren, thirtyfour great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Mary Davis and Lucielle Pittman; brotherin-law, Vincent Davis; and numerous beloved cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Wake

JAN 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Francis Xavier Catholic
1501 E. Oliver Street
Baltimore, MD

Service

JAN 26. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond E. Thompson*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Attrice to you and the Thompson Family, I offer my sincere sympathy for the loss of your father. Our family has intertwined for so many years. My prayers are with you and your family. May God hold you all in the palm of His hands, He will always be there for you and never forsake you. Love Yvonne Davis Campbell.*

Yvonne Campbell - January 25, 2013 at 08:34 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 4yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - January 21, 2013 at 05:45 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 - January 15, 2013 at 01:18 PM