



Thelma Hightower Chandler

November 9, 1928 - October 14, 2016

October 14, 2016, Thelma Hightower Chandler stepped out of time into eternity to be with the Lord. Thelma was born on November 9, 1928, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to the late Alvin and Fannie Summers Hightower. Her husband Edward Nathaniel Sr.; her son Edward Nathaniel Jr., sister Clarice Lee and brother Alvin Hightower as well as a host of family and friends welcomed her into glory.

Thelma accepted the Lord at an early age, and taught all of her children to love the Lord. Even as she aged, she had a deep love for God and joined Antioch Baptist Church in Henrico, Virginia, where she worshipped as often as she could.

Thelma completed her primary and secondary education in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She also studied nursing and cosmetology and received certifications in Baltimore, MD.

She met and married her high school sweetheart Edward Chandler, and traveled throughout the continental United States and overseas, while living the life of a military wife. After her husband retired from the military, Thelma was co-owner alongside her husband of Independent Janitorial Service. She and her husband created an organization for retired enlisted service men known as The Retired Enlisted Men's Association (TREA), in which she served as treasurer, later to serve as treasurer for the American Veterans

known as AMVETS.

Thelma was always the "Bell of the Ball" everywhere she went. She appeared on local television as a volunteer for various causes during the time she spent in Baltimore.

Thelma was adventurous. In one of her first moves to Virginia, she found employment with Fashion Bug as a consultant in Ashland Va. As the years advanced, she moved to the Richmond area, and joined Riverside Place, where she made many friends of participants and staff alike. She enjoyed playing bingo and her favorite game of dominoes. Her favorite pastime however was just sitting on the pier and casting her line into the water, sometimes being the only to one catch a fish or two.

She leaves to honor her memory sons, Dennis Michael, Alvin Jeffery, Walter Elliott, Sr. (Venera), John Lacy Chandler (Ronetta); daughters, Christine Thornton Stuckey and Deborah Jackson, as well as a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, numerous family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **18**. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

OCT **19**. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Family Hour

OCT **19**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT 19. 6:00 PM (ET)

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viewing

OCT 20. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside Service at First Union Baptist Church Cemetery

OCT 21. 10:30 AM (ET)

Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery
1101 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Hightower Chandler*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Thelma was an active AMVETS Auxiliary member from 1987 till her passing. She was the VAVS representative for Perry Point and other areas around Baltimore serving our veterans. She never missed any Department meetings or the Department convention unless she was sick. She will be deeply missed by many of her auxiliary members in the Department and also the local post that she belonged to. With our deepest regards and may she rest in peace.*

Amvets Auxiliary Post 2 Frederick

Rebecca Titus PDP - October 18, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ *Thelma will certainly be missed by her AMVETS family. Always joyful, always with a smile, she could light up the room all by herself. We will miss her in AMVETS and we will miss her at the Joint Veterans Committee. Live in God forever, Thelma.*

Andy Martel - October 18, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ *May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

ELLA I Allen-Huskey - October 17, 2016 at 01:16 PM

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“ During your time of loss and pain my family and I would like to offer our sincere condolences. Death was never part of the master plan and neither was sickness nor pain in the bible promises that soon they will all be no more in the Book of Revelation chapter 21 verses 3 and 4. Please hold tight doesn't promise found in the Book of John chapter 5 verses 28 and 29 let's speak of resurrection of our loved ones happy and healthy the way God intended for them to be all along. Again we offer since your thoughts and prayers.

Daniella - October 16, 2016 at 08:05 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 - October 15, 2016 at 12:01 PM