



Thompkins Weaver, Jr.

December 23, 1934 - February 23, 2019

In Lieu of Flowers, a donation can be made to the Morgan State University Foundation in Memory of Thompkins Weaver, Jr.

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THOMPKINS WEAVER, JR. peacefully transitioned on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at The University of Maryland Hospital. Born the only son of Thompkins Weaver, Sr. and Almeda Weaver (née Mallory) on December 23, 1934, he was blessed with 84 years of life.

Born and raised in East Baltimore, Thompkins attended Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, graduating in 1954. He participated in football and varsity cross country track, developed his interest in science, and remained an active member of the alumni association until his passing.

He attended Morgan State University, where he graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry.

He was a member of Sigma Phi Sigma. There he formed some of the friendships that lasted the next 60 plus years of his life. Until his death, Thompkins continued to have lunch once a month with some of his “brothers.”

On September 10, 1966 he married Lula Royster and had four beloved

children.

He was honorably discharged from the United States Army after serving in the 82nd Airborne Division. On the rare occasions he participated in Halloween, he could be heard commenting that even though his costume was not vintage, his army uniform still fit.

Thompkins started his career at Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Johns Hopkins University Department of Epidemiology as first a research technician and research assistant. From there he began his more than 30-year career within the National Institutes of Health, working as a chemist in the National Institutes of Mental Health and Gerontology Research Center at Baltimore City Hospital. He retired in 1994 after 20 years within the National Cancer Institute, Research Contract Branch as a Contract Specialist focusing on contracts for biomedical research and development.

A strong believer in the power of education, Thompkins was heavily involved in the local PTAs of his children's schools, the Baltimore City Council of PTAs serving as President and other offices, and Regional Trainer for the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. In retirement some could argue, he started a second career as a member of the PTA and "childcare provider for his two granddaughters. He affectionately told his children and grandchildren, "keep your eye on the prize."

He was a lifelong communicant of St. Matthews and The Episcopal Church of the Holy Covenant where he served as an acolyte, eucharistic minister, Junior Warden and Senior Warden. He was an active member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews and the Union of Black Episcopalians, serving most recently as a part of the Absalom Jones Celebration. Thompkins often traveled to witness the consecration of a new bishop or to attend a diocesan convention.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, "Sweetie," Lula Weaver (née Royster) and his adoring children Karen Michon Powell (Bryan Powell), Kimberly Chadene Weaver, Krystin Ellen Weaver (Ann-Sophie Morrissette), Jonathan Thompkins Weaver (Alexandra Strott) and his "first child," his nephew Jerry Kevin Weaver, Sr. He will always be remembered as "Pop-Pop" by his grandchildren Kara Mallory Powell and Kirsten Elizabeth Powell, and never forgotten by his extended family of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, and nephews. His only sister, Mary Frances Weaver, preceded him in death.

As Thompkins would say, "If a task once begun, do it well or not at all." The legacy he leaves behind shows he lived life exceptionally well.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

MAR 1. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Cathedral of the Incarnation
4 E. University Parkway
Baltimore, MD 21218

Family Hour

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thompkins Weaver, Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Hello Weaver Family... We were so sad to hear that your loved one Thompkins passed so suddenly. We were friends from the Holy Covenant Church, and part of the Murphy Family. He was such a wonderful funny person to be in company with and he will be missed dearly. He helped people in so many ways and I know God welcomed in to the Kingdom. To his wonderful wife Lula for so many years you two together was always sweet, gentle and kind to everyone. To all the children you mom and dad adored all of you the same. I have too many memories of your loved one to say in this note but I will always remember how great he was. His smile would light up a room. We send our deepest sympathy and hope that you will find comfort and peace in the Lord. Lula I enjoyed our talks after church and wherever we saw each other. We love all of you and stay strong.*



Love You All,

*Sharon Hitchens-Copeland
and
Shanel Murphy*

Sharon Hitchens - March 09, 2019 at 07:49 PM

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“ I remember Mr Weaver from his visits to St Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and his moving prayers for Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE). His presence will be missed.
The Beasley Family

Thomas and Brenda Beasley - March 02, 2019 at 09:07 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 - February 27, 2019 at 05:46 PM