



In Loving Memory of
Thomas Earl McConnell

Sunrise
December 20, 1930

Sunset
October 8, 2019

Service
Saturday, October 19, 2019 • 9:00 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. • Newark, New Jersey
Reverend Rodney Brooks, Minister
Joshua Nelson, Organist

Obituary

Thomas Earl McConnell was born on December 20, 1930 to the parents of Thomas McConnell and Gradis Perry. While growing up and living in New Jersey, Thomas attended Newark Public Schools, graduating from Central High School in 1949.

In September of 1949, McConnell joined the United States Air Force. His tours of duty as an intelligence specialist took to him to many call stations including the Vietnam War. On May 26, 1956 he married Gloria Moore in Newark, NJ. Together they lived overseas in England, Germany and Vietnam before settling down in the Washington, DC area. After 26 years of dedicated service to his country, Thomas retired from the US Air Force with the decorated rank of Master Sergeant on Oct. 31, 1975.

Thomas' post service professional career continued with work at the Pentagon and other US agencies as a civilian employee. He received many performance recognitions and achievement awards throughout his civilian career to add to his military distinctions. Both he and Aunt Gloria later retired from government work in the mid 1990s.

In Thomas' leisure time he loved to commune with his family, friends and military buddies. He was an active member of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars). His favorite activities also included listening to music, watching sports, reading and fishing.

Throughout the 70s and 80s, Aunt Glo and Uncle Tommy's home in Waldorf, Maryland was the destination of memorable social holiday gatherings and summer vacations for their extended family and friends. In 1994, the couple relocated West to enjoy their golden retirement years. Together they would enjoy the warm weather, community, local dining & entertainment for many years until this October.

Thomas McConnell is survived by his wife of 63 years, Gloria McConnell. They had no children, but is preceded in death by the late Thomas and Gradis Perry McConnell and his sister, the late Joan McConnell-Aarons. Thomas is survived by brother-in-laws Leonard Aarons, Eugene (deceased), Walter L. (deceased), William (deceased), sisters-in-law, Almaz Moore and Evelyn (deceased), nephews, Leonard Jr., Terry and Leon (deceased), nieces, Karen and Jeanette (deceased), grand nephews, Leonard, III, Sahieb, Leonard A., Ron, grand nieces, Kimi, Theresa, Caprice, Saijatu, Elizabeth, Sara, great grandnephews, Nasir, Keegan, Mark, Anthony, Malik, and great grandnieces, Jasmin, Sinayyah and Saadia.

"Uncle Tommy" left this plane on October 8, 2019 at the age of 88, while diligently providing care for his loving wife Gloria in Las Vegas, Nevada. He will be missed and remembered by his adoring family and friends. A life well lived, loved and served. "Mission accomplished, Sarge!"

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Hymn

Obituary & Acknowledgments

Remarks

Solo

Eulogy

Recessional

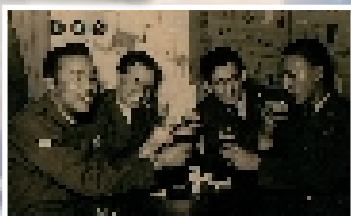
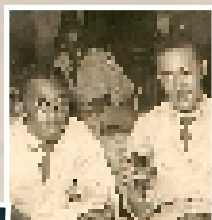
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Hilton Garden

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Elizabeth, NJ 07201





Acknowledgement

*The family of **Thomas Earl McConnell** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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