

Celebration of Life for



Michael L. Thompson

Sunrise
July 23, 1957

Sunset
October 26, 2019



Reflections of Life

Michael Lynn Thompson was born in Paterson, NJ on July 23, 1957 to the late Chelina (DeGroat) and Jerome Thompson.

Michael began his elementary education in the Montclair, NJ school district. He later moved to Passaic, NJ with his family and attended the Passaic Public School system ultimately graduating from Passaic High School in 1975. Michael enlisted in the United States Marine Corps right after high school. He served many years and traveled the world until his honorable discharge in 1981. Shortly after serving he began working as an Assistant Bookkeeper and he was a number whiz!

He reenlisted into the military in September of 1986 serving in the Army National Guard Reserves until September 1993. Michael was a big-time fan of the Miami Dolphins and would challenge anyone who mentioned how his team happened to be playing at any given time. He had a response and a comeback for anything that was said to him even if no one wanted to hear it! He also loved doing crossword puzzles and yes he loved him some Lottery scratch offs. Known lovingly around the neighborhood as “Uncle Mike,” no one had a cooler walk than him. His stride could be noticed from a mile away. Michael loved spending time with his family especially his daughters and commenting that their slick mouths must have been inherited from him.

He made sure anytime he was in the room he was the center of attention. Mike loved his old school music singing the lyrics word for word. He would always say, “The Whispers will always be what’s happening!”

Michael was predeceased by his parents Jerome and Chelina Thompson, his maternal grandmother Irene Miller and his older brother Jamil Bilal.

On Saturday, October 26, 2019, Michael L. Thompson departed this life.

He leaves to cherish wonderful memories, three daughters: Rashida Thompson (Sammie) of Clifton, NJ, Deanna Thompson (Vincent) of Passaic, NJ and Pastor Joai Broughton (Alfonzo) of Plant City, FL; eight grandchildren: Jacorey, Elajjah, Dewayne, Emani, Calia, Kayla, Iyana and Kanaan; his devoted and dedicated sister, Carol Wilson (Reggie) of Lodi, NJ and sister, Irene Davis of Covina, CA; his childhood friend Gregory Jones of Passaic; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members,

Friday, November 1, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

MT. PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
163 Autumn Street, Passaic, New Jersey
Rev. W. Louis McDowell, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude Dr. Mark Exum

Opening Hymn “Hold To God's Unchanging Hand”
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Scripture Readings
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgements
and Reflections of LifeRita L. Sallie, Church Administrator

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Dr. W. Louis McDowell
Pastor

Recessional

Interment
Wednesday, November 6, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.
William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

The Master Called



*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Michael L. Thompson** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during this our time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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