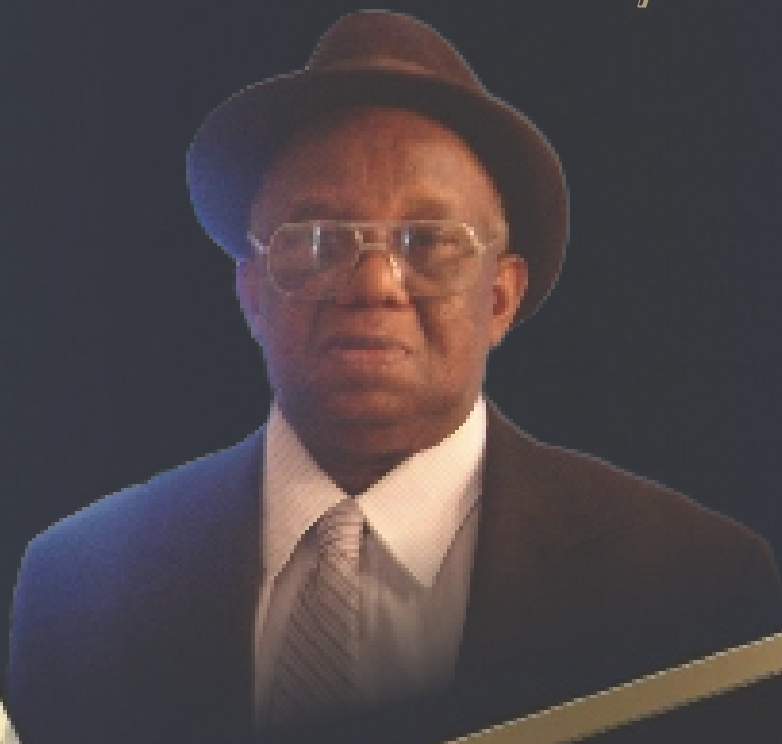


Celebrating The Life Of
Vernal Leslie Thompson



Sunrise: January 20, 1928
Sunset: April 2, 2020

Service:
Saturday, April 11, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466
Pastor Jay Gooding, Officiating
Rev. Kevin Wade, Organist

Obituary

Vernal Leslie Thompson, alias Tailor and popularly called Daddy by young and old, second son of Floretta and Hyman, was born on the 20th January 1928. He attended Swallowfield School and Rosedale Church. He enjoyed swimming as a hobby and, even within the past two years, fishes would have a hard time challenging him in a race. After leaving school, he went and learnt trade as a tailor with one Mr. Walker.

After mastering his trade, he set about opening his own establishment, Thompson's Tailoring, at the well-known spot called Mary's Brown Corner, on Constant Spring Road. He attracted a wide cross-section of clientele, from the rich and famous to those who could only bring in jobs for adjustment and alteration. He often bragged about his clients' satisfaction with his craftsmanship and that, in return, they often referred their extended family and friends as future customers. He trained and taught the trade to a number of young men, who today are still practicing the dying trade—one such person is Karl McLean, who took over the business.

His courtship for years resulted in his marriage to Joyce and her four children of a previous union, on the 27th February 1965. The union produced five children, namely Dorrel (Danny), Olive (Pet), Anita, Isolyn (June), and Earl (Honey). Anita predeceased him. They all lived as one large family unit.

He migrated to New York, U.S.A. in 1987. There, he sought employment and continued his established skill as a tailor until his retirement in 2010. Tailoring being so much in his blood that, whenever he visited Jamaica, he would be often seen working on the sewing machine. A few months before his transition on the 2nd April 2020, he requested a sewing machine; and when he finally received it, his whole demeanor changed to that of a kid getting a new toy. He occupied his last days by making adjustments to his own clothing.

Daddy leaves behind his wife Joyce, four children, six granddaughters, three grandsons, one great-grandson, two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, four stepchildren and their offspring, brother Cebert, two sisters-in-law, and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, friends, and acquaintances.

Rest in peace, Beloved Daddy, Grandpa, and Uncle.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Selection
“Amazing Grace”

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament – Psalm 121: 1-8 – Ingrid Thompson
New Testament – Ecclesiastes 3: 1-14 – Barbara Thompson

Prayer of Comfort

Selection
“Precious Memories”

Tributes
(2 Minutes)

Obituary & Acknowledgements

Selection
“Will The Circle Be Unbroken”

Eulogy
Presley Smith

Committal & Benediction

Remarks By Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, NY

To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

Acknowledgments

The family of Vernal Leslie Thompson wishes to express their sincere gratitude to everyone for their love, prayers, and support during this time of bereavement.

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