



Eugene Vance

July 17, 1934 - October 8, 2011

Eugene Vance Jr.

Eugene “Gene” Vance Jr., 77, of Harrisburg, transitioned to eternal life on October 8, 2011. Son of the late Henrietta and Eugene Vance Sr., he was born in Boothton, Alabama, and at an early age joined St. Mark Baptist Church.

A graduate of Dunbar High School, Bessemer, AL, he served honorably with the U.S. Army. He had the distinction of owning and operating the first Black-owned sign painting business, Ad-Vance Signs and Screen Printing, employing friends, associates and providing much needed professional services to an enormous number of colleagues. His artistic abilities can be seen in Strawberry Square and throughout the Harrisburg area. A creative visionary, he is charged with a plethora of business ideas and products, most notably the aftershave regimen, “Feel-My-Face.”

He was predeceased by one sister, Annie Jean Thompson. Surviving are his siblings, Dorothy Vance Cook of San Francisco, CA, Cecelia Vance King of Birmingham, AL, Collin T. (Alma) of Savannah, GA, Paul, Marvin C., Harry K., all of Birmingham, and Stephen G. (Lorraine) of Decatur, GA; his daughters, Sheila R. Vance of Harrisburg, Monica L. Robinson of Carlisle; three grandchildren, Lexus L. Prunty, Auman R. Waters, Taytum R. Robinson-Covert; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A private memorial celebration was hosted by his daughters. Interment was at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. www.wallacefd.com