



## Mr. Herbert Thompson

November 3, 1942 - September 14, 2016

Herbert Thompson, 73, Harrisburg, PA, passed away on September 14, 2016. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on November 3, 1942, and preceded in death by his father, Herbert Thompson, wife, Myra L. Thompson, daughter, Shelly L. Lawrence, and sisters, Brenda Thompson and Patricia Thompson.

Herbert was educated in the Chicago Catholic School System. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on January 18, 1960 and received a honorable discharge on January 17, 1966. During his years in the military, he was stationed at Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA. While there, he met and married the late Myra L. Thompson (Harrisburg, PA) in 1963. After being united in marriage, they moved to his hometown of Chicago, IL, to build and raise a family. Their union was blessed with five children. Herbert Thompson dedicated his life to being a GREAT father, provider and leader for his family. Anyone who knew him would say that his children were his prize possession. He was a caring disciplinarian, a teacher and a visionary for his children. He selflessly gave of himself and sacrificed to instill strong family values, self-esteem and a “can do” attitude in them. He was closely engaged in their early years of education and became the President of the Parent Teacher Association of Isabelle O’Keefe Elementary School and Chairman of the Head-start Committee for the City of Chicago. Not only did he stand up for educational excellence for his children, he also had a passion for other children and their educational success. Herbert witnessed his dream of higher education for his children become a

reality in the 80s and 90s as they attended college and successfully obtained higher educational degrees.

Herb also had a passion for politics. He was actively involved in Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign in the 1970s, led voter registration drives in the City of Chicago and was an activist within the 21st Century VOTE (Voices of Total Empowerment) organization in the early 2000's. This is an organization dedicated to empowering young black men and ex-gang members to vote and stop the violence

During his vibrant years, Herb worked as a conductor for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA). He also established a long term professional career as a Regional Sales Manager for major Moving and Storage companies (U-Haul and Bekins Van Lines). He was very successful at sales and quickly advanced at both corporations. After retirement, he held part-time positions at AARP and Harrisburg Yellow Cab Company. Herb believed in God and was raised as a Catholic. However, in 2008, he dedicated his life to Christ and was baptized at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Harrisburg. He attended Bible Study and served alongside his wife.

Herbert Thompson's legacy of strong family values, education, hard work and commitment will continue to live on through his daughters, son, grandchildren and family. They will cherish his Life, Love and Legacy for the rest of their days here on earth. All who knew him will miss his infectious smile, loveable personality and giving heart!

Surviving are his mother, Alice Victoria Thompson of Chicago; only surviving sister, Sheila Thompson; daughters, Carla Bowie (son-in-law Timothy Bowie) of Chicago, Tracey Daniels of Harrisburg, Victoria A. Thompson (son-in-law Eric Alston) of Mitchellville, MD, and Tasha Stafford (son-in-law Wayne Stafford, Sr.) of Allen, TX; son, Herbert Anthony Thompson (daughter-in-law

Nicole Thompson) of Glen Dale, MD; favorite niece, Stacey Chester-Geary, and nephew, Shannon Thompson; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren who reside in Chicago and a host of other family members and friends...Respectfully and Lovingly Submitted, The Family

Mr. Thompson's life will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Tuesday, September 27th, at Wallace Funeral Directors with visitation 10:30-11 a.m. Interment will be at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Flowers may be delivered to the funeral home, 9/27, 9-9:30 a.m.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **27**. 9:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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“ *Rest in Heaven Dad... I will miss you everyday until the day I leave this earth. Love always, Victoria*

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