



Mr. Billye G. Thompson Sr.

December 17, 1930 - December 2, 2012

THOMPSON, Mr. Billye, Sr. - Age 81, passed away Sunday, December 2, 2012 at Fountains at Franklin in Southfield, MI. Family hour 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 8, 2012 at Woodside Church, 1509 E. Court Street, with funeral service commencing at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Kendall Brown officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 1:00 p.m. Saturday. Mr. Thompson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Billye G. Thompson, Sr. was born December 17, 1930, in Osceola, Arkansas. He was the youngest of four children of the late Elijah and Curlie Anne Jordan Thompson. The family moved to Little Rock when he was five years old where he received his elementary and high school training. Billye's undergraduate training was at Arkansas A. M. & N. College, now named University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, where he earned a B.S. Degree in Mathematics. After completion of his undergraduate training, Billye moved to Flint, Michigan in the spring of 1953. He was employed by Buick Motor, a division of General Motors for six months before being drafted into the U.S. Army for 2 years. After being released from the service he returned to the Buick factory and worked two years before being laid-off. He began his teaching career in mathematics at Emerson Jr. High School in 1960. He received a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan in Guidance and

Counseling in 1966. Billye was assigned to Central High School as a Personalized Curriculum Program Counselor in 1967. He became one of the first Staff Specialists in the school district in 1968. At Central he advanced to Assistant Principal in 1969 and Deputy Principal in 1970. He was appointed Principal of Bryant Junior High in 1975, and served as Principal of Northwestern High School from 1978 until his retirement in 1991. Billye married his childhood sweetheart, Laura Jean Jones, on June 3, 1956. She moved to Flint and became a music teacher at Jefferson Elementary School. This union produced three children. Unfortunately Laura Jean passed away on November 24, 1993, which devastated the family and the Flint community. During his years as Principal and after he retired, Billye served on several boards and community groups while living in Flint: the Board of the Flint Urban League; he was a Dansforth Fellow; Board member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association; Deacon and Trustee at Woodside Church; Board of Directors of Youth Leadership Institute; Flint Executive Service Corps; and Valley Area Agency on Aging. He was an active member at Woodside Interdenominational Church. He spent his leisure time golfing and travelling with friends to several golf resorts. Billye was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

He leaves to cherish his memory: children, Billye Jr., and wife Verlonda of Northville, MI; daughter, Laretta, and husband Ray of Silver Spring, MD, son, Lance of Temple Hills, MD; grandchildren, Sydney Jean of Northville, MI, Tredale Kennedy, Jr. and wife, Jill of Denver, CO, Sapphyra and Ena, both of Silver Spring, MD; sister Ellora Conley of Luxora, AR; sisters-in-law, Rosemary C. Ward, and Kathleen Jones both of Flint, MI; and a host of nieces, nephews, numerous cousins, adopted daughters, special neighbors, and wonderful friends.

Mr. Thompson was preceded in death by his wife; parents; sister, Valdora Thompson Yancy; brother, Joseph Elijah Thompson; brothers-in-law, Jesse Ward and Samuel P. Jones, and other close family and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that if you feel so moved, please

consider making a donation to the Billye G. Thompson, Sr. Scholarship Endowment Fund to VR3 Events, P.O. Box 4111, Southfield, MI 48037.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

DEC 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Woodside Interdenominational Church
1509 E. Court Street
Flint, MI 48503

Service

DEC 8. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Flint, MI 48503

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Billye G. Thompson Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Ithica Curry Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billye G. Thompson Sr.*



Ithica Curry Jenkins - December 19, 2012 at 12:20 PM



“ *MAY UR HEARTS BE FILLED WITH JOY WITH THE MEMORIES HE WAS A GREAT MAN!!!!!!*



Min Doremus Kennedy - December 18, 2012 at 06:50 PM



“ *Cristie Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billye G. Thompson Sr.*



Cristie Roberts - December 10, 2012 at 07:59 PM

LW

“ *Lyz Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billye G. Thompson Sr.*



Lyz Wilkins - December 09, 2012 at 10:53 AM

SC

“ *My sincere condolences. I thank God for the major role your family has been in my life and in my family's life - Sylvia Collins, Ypsilanit, MI*

Sylvia Collins - December 09, 2012 at 05:25 AM

DM

“ *My sympathies and prayers go out to the family of Mr. Thompson. Mr and Mrs. Thompson will forever be in my heart. Mrs. Thompson was my 3rd-6th gr. music Teacher. During that time, we found out that we were related through my Mother's side of the family. Several of my siblings and three of my sons attended N-Western High while he was Principal. I considered them The Ideal Couple, second to my parents. My LOVE to all ! Dorene McClendon-Salaam*



Dorene McClendon-Salaam - December 08, 2012 at 12:49 PM

SJ

“ *Shawn James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billye G. Thompson Sr.*



Shawn James - December 07, 2012 at 05:53 PM

HC

“ Hope United Methodist Church lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billye G. Thompson Sr.



Hope United Methodist Church - December 07, 2012 at 08:51 AM

CD

“ May the Lord bless you in this time of sorrow. Mr. Thompson was a wonderful man who has gone from labor to reward. The Lord has told him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant". Hold on to his memory.

Coleen Djouha - December 07, 2012 at 07:38 AM

VJ

“ He was a WONDERFUL principal at Bryant Junior High School. Such a warm, gentle man with a sweet presence and appeared very tall to me as a 7th & 8th grader. What a great contribution to society he has made!! Blessings & comfort upon your hearts!!!! Valerie Jackson, LMSW, ACSW



Valerie Jackson - December 06, 2012 at 09:59 AM

DJ

“ Dana Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billye G. Thompson Sr.



Dana Johnson - December 05, 2012 at 12:21 PM

DJ

We're sending prayers your way at this difficult time.

Dana, Joe, Sophie & Phoebe Johnson

Dana Johnson - December 05, 2012 at 12:22 PM

TN

“ *Terry Nickson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billye G. Thompson Sr.*



Terry Nickson - December 04, 2012 at 08:39 AM

DC

“ *Dwight And Yvette Tucker Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billye G. Thompson Sr.*



Dwight and Yvette Tucker Collins - December 03, 2012 at 01:28 PM

DC

Billye Jr., Laretta, Lance and the entire Thompson family, We are very sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. We know he meant the world to you.~ Dwight and Yvette Tucker Collins

Dwight & Yvette Tucker Collins - December 03, 2012 at 01:32 PM