

Obituary

1SG Joe Louis Thompson was born on November 15, 1936, in Shelton, South Carolina. He was one of twelve children of the late Johnnie and Benton Thompson. He departed this life from his home, at the age of 86, on Sunday, August 27th, 2023.

Mr. Thompson began his education in the public schools of Fairfield County, South Carolina. He joined the United States Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in 1955 and fought in conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, then later served overseas in Germany. During his 30-year military career, Mr. Thompson achieved the rank of First Sergeant and was awarded the Bronze Star and Silver Star Medals. After his service ended, he made Columbia, South Carolina his home. He retired after many dedicated years working for the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Mr. Thompson was an active worshiper at his family church, Weeping Mary Baptist Church, in Blair, South Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnnie and Benton Thompson; brothers, Frank Thompson, Howard Thompson, James Thompson, Jerry Thomas, Johnnie Thompson, and Robert Thompson; sisters, Barbara Thompson, Bessie DelValle, Lizzie Feaster, and Siscley Phillips.

1SG Joe Louis Thompson leaves to mourn his passing; his wife, Elfriede Thompson; sons, Michael (Bonnie) Thompson, of Austin, Texas, and Larry (Jessica) Thompson, of Columbia, South Carolina; daughters, Bobby Thompson, of Norfolk, Virginia, and Sylvia (Jerry) Dempster, of Charlotte, North Carolina; sisters, Genola Thompson, of Baltimore, Maryland, and Ida Lucille Martin, of Aiea, Hawaii; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; many other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the Southern Poverty Law Center (<https://splcenter.org>).

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Resolution.....Mrs. Marilyn Goree Butler
Weeping Mary Baptist Church
- Opening Hymn.....Reverend Neda Epps
- Old Testament.....Reverend Cedric Boyd
Psalm 23
- New Testament.....Reverend Algerron Williams
- Prayer.....Reverend Tammy Feaster
- Musical Selection.....Musician
- Remarks.....Mr. Larry Britt Thompson
Colonel Cornelius Easter
Deacon Melvin Goree
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Cedric Boyd
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

12:00 Noon
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little - but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's Plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss Me - But Let Me Go.*

Pallbearers

Michael Thompson Larry Thompson Chris Feaster
Corey Epps Jerry Dempster James
Jenkins

&

United States Army Honor Guard

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of 1SG (Ret) Joe Louis Thompson, would like to thank each of you for every expression of love shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Repast

Columbia Mall Event Center

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 E.S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

1SG (RET) JOE LOUIS THOMPSON



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023
10:00 A.M.

LEEVEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

PASTOR CEDRIC BOYD
-OFFICIATING-