

*We knew the time would come
one day For we're all on
borrowed time Yet still we
hoped you pull on through But
it wasn't in God's design One
day you asked why am I
helping I said "cause that's
what family do" Those gone
before us would be upset If we
didn't walk with you Rest in
God's arms and be assured Of
the promise that was made
Aunt Lilly will be cared for and
loved For the rest of all our
days.*

*Written By: M. Sumter,
Nephew*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

The family of Lever Thompson, Jr., would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the acts of kindness shown during this time. Your calls, prayers, visits, and other expressions of love have been a source of comfort and strength. A special thank you to all who took the time to help care for Mr. Thompson. Your compassion will never be forgotten. May God continue to bless each of you with His grace and mercy.

Celebration of Life Service for

MR. LEVER THOMPSON, JR.



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025
11:00 A.M.**

**ZION BENEVOLENT BAPTIST CHURCH
201 MEETING HOUSE ROAD
HOPKINS, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND DR. TRAVIEN L. CAPERS
-PASTOR-**

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. 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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Obituary of Mr. Lever Thompson, Jr.

Mr. Lever Thompson Jr. was born on October 4, 1936, in Hopkins, South Carolina, to the late Lever Thompson Sr. and Rosa Bannister Thompson. He departed this life peacefully on November 26, 2025, closing a life marked by service, dedication, and unwavering faith.

He received his early education in Richland County and graduated from Hopkins High School in 1955. He later continued his education at Rutgers State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

In 1961, Lever married Lilly Bush, and their union was blessed with one son.

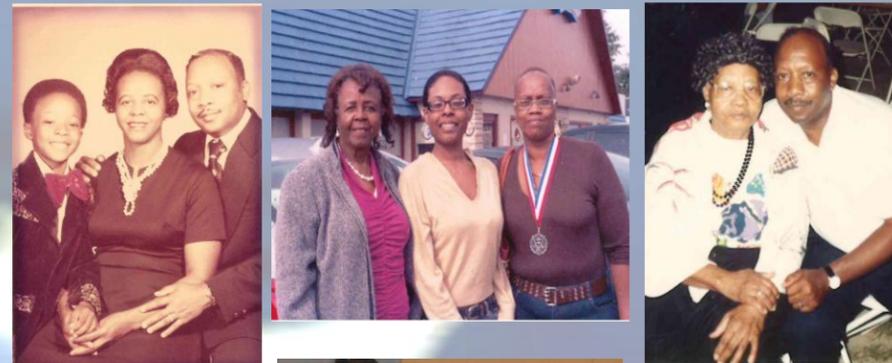
Lever honorably served his country in the United States Air Force for 29 years, including distinguished service in the 702nd Airlift Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey. His military career included participation in both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, where he served with loyalty, courage, and dedication.

After completing his military career, Lever lived in Paterson, New Jersey, for 34 years. During his time there, he worked as an accountant for Trace International Holding Company and served faithfully at St. Luke Baptist Church, offering his gifts in service and stewardship.

In January 2000, Lever returned home to South Carolina. Having joined Zion Benevolent Baptist Church at an early age, he resumed his commitment to the ministry and served diligently as Chairman of the Trustee Board and Chairman of the Finance Committee. His leadership, integrity, and steady presence enriched the church and the community he loved.

Mr. Lever Thompson Jr. lived a life of service, faith, and excellence. His legacy of love, honor, and commitment will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew him. His memory will be cherished by his loving wife of 64 years, Lilly Mae Thompson of Columbia, South Carolina; son, Lever Ivan Thompson of New Jersey; granddaughter, Jazmine Christine Thompson of New Jersey; great-granddaughter, Trinity Savannah Thompson Morales of New Jersey; brother, Franklin Thompson of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; brother-in-law, Jessie Smith of Hopkins, South Carolina; aunt, Mary Bannister of Columbia, South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, church family, and friends that will miss him dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Hymn of Comfort.....Zion Benevolent Baptist Church Choir
- Old Testament.....Pastor Anthony Smith, Nephew
- New Testament.....Pastor Ethel Smith, Niece
- Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Wendy Brailsford, Niece
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Bernard Brailsford, Nephew
- Reflections.....Mr. Harry Lee Jones, Cousin
Elder Mary Reid, Niece
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Zackery Reid, Nephew
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Travien L. Capers
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

10:00 a.m.
Monday, December 8, 2025
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina