



Freddie J. Thornton

April 21, 1930 - February 2, 2017

FREDDIE JAMES THORNTON: First child of 11 children born to Keith and Lucile Colvin Thornton, Sr. on April 21, 1930 in Locust Grove, Georgia.

EDUCATION: Graduated from Henry County Public Schools.

MARRIAGE: Married to the late Daisy Mae King Thornton.

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE: Joined Shoal Creek Baptist Church, Locust Grove, Georgia, at an early age, where he served as a Deacon for over 50 years. He served diligently as a member, for many years in numerous capacities: Adult and Male Choir, Deacon, Chairman of Deacon Board, Trustee and Sunday School Teacher to name a few. Awarded a Certificate of Special Recognition for 50 years of Dedicated Choir Service February 2014.

OCCUPATION: Retired in 1992 from Overnite Transportation as a Truck Driver.

MILITARY SERVICE: Served in the United States Army during the Korean War as a Medic. Received an Honorable Discharge.

HOBBIES: Fishing and playing the guitar. BB King was his favorite Blues singer.

SPECIAL NOTE: Four years ago he moved to Lake City, FL with his daughter, Debberin and son-in-law, Merrill C. Tunsil.

DEMISE: Thursday, February 2, 2017 at the Suwannee Health and Rehabilitative Center, Live Oak, FL.

SURVIVORS: Two (2) children: a daughter, Debberin Thornton Tunsil (Merrill), Lake City, FL; a son, Terry Bernard Thornton, Conyers, GA; three siblings: Betty Thornton, Boston, MA; Mildred Byrd (Robert), Atlanta, GA; Gail Johnson (Willie) Riverdale, GA; sisters-in-law: Mary Lou, Doris, Nellie, Allean, Jessie and Shirley. Grandchildren: Kiambe BeloTunsil, Jacksonville, FL; Akil Madu Tunsil (Kira), Lake City, FL; Nayana Thornton Hill, McDonough, GA. Great-grandchildren: Amani Tunsil and Isaiah Tunsil, Lake City, FL; Brycen Hill and Blake Hill, McDonough, GA; special cousin, Willie "Peter Rabbit" Taylor and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - McDonough Chapel
300 Griffin Street
McDonough, GA 30253
(770) 957-4337
info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com

Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shoal Creek Baptist Church
99 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Locust Grove, GA 30248

Interment

FEB 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ Deacon Thornton was a mentor and surrogate father to me, as were so many of the "greatest generation." He always made me feel appreciated and cherished. He would go out of his way to greet me and inquire of my doings. Irreplaceable...unforgettable...in God's hands.

Bishop J.P. (Patrick) Miller, Valdosta, GA

Bishop Patrick Miller - February 10, 2017 at 09:52 PM

MJ

One of the greatest man in Locust Grove, yes he was! Treated everyone the same! Already were missed, going to be really missed now that he has received his crown....Rest in Heaven!

Mary H James - February 17, 2017 at 11:19 PM

BT

“ Gonna miss you Uncle Freddie James!
I know Aunt Daisy Mae is glad to see you.
Love Ya,
Billy Thornton

Billy Thornton - February 10, 2017 at 04:43 AM