

Peace I leave
with you;
my peace I give you.
I do not give to you
as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts
be troubled and
do not be afraid.
John 14:27



Pallbearers

Trustees
Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Gill Creek Missionary Ministry

Acknowledgements

We, the family of Mr. Ernest Ealey Thompson, wish to thank each and every one of you for your help and acts of kindness. Thank you for your love and support during this time of bereavement. May God bless each of you with His love and everlasting mercy.



In Loving Memory...

**Ernest Ealey
Thompson, Sr.**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020 12PM

Gill Creek Baptist Church
2116 Cushman Drive
Columbia, SC 29204
Pastor James C. Woodley, M.Div. Officiating

Obituary

Mr. Ernest Ealey Thompson was born on October 9, 1942 in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the son of Mr. Henry Nathan and Lillie Mae Thompson. After a brief illness, Ernest quietly passed away on Friday, January 31, 2020.

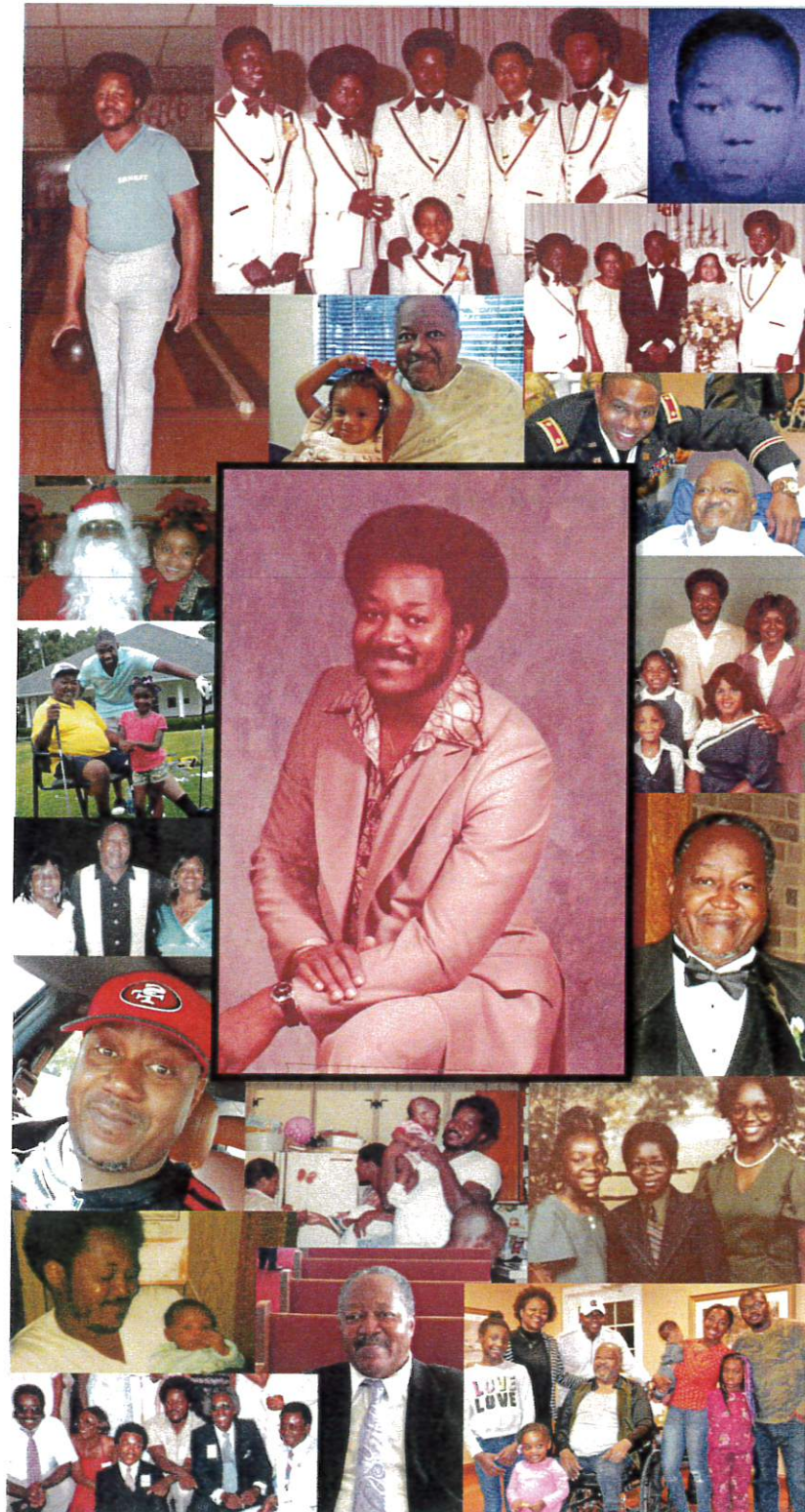
Ernest accepted Christ at an early age. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and later joined Gill Creek Baptist Church, where he served as a trustee and sang on the Jubilee Choir for many years.

Ernest was educated in the public schools of Richland County and graduated from C.A. Johnson High School class of 1960. While growing up, Ernest developed a passion for golf and took a job at Forest Acres Golf Club as a caddie. During his high school days, he took on an apprenticeship with his uncle E.W. Thompson as a painter. This led him to start his own business, Ernest E. Thompson and Sons Painting Contractor. He was successfully able to sub-contract with several local businesses throughout the Columbia Metropolitan Area. Ernest trained and earned the respect of several young men throughout the 50 years of his painting business.

Ernest was very loving, friendly, and passionate about his family. He took a lot of pride in being kind to everyone that he met and enjoyed making conversation with them. Ernest was known as a comedian. No matter what type of bad day someone else was having, he would be sure to tell several jokes to make you forget about anything that was bothering you. At some point, he was going to pull a prank on you. His favorite things to do were bowling, golfing, fishing, playing cards, and traveling. He truly enjoyed life to the fullest. He was an all around loving father, grandfather, and friend.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Lillie Mae Thompson; Five brothers: Henry, Freddie, LeRoy, Marvin, and Joseph, and his son-in-law Gregory Oree.

Mr. Ernest Thompson leaves to cherish so many beautiful memories: his children: Angela S. Oree, Karen (Gary) Phifer, Ernest (Elizabeth) Thompson, Jr., Major Joseph Thompson, Antonio Smith, Angela (Jeffrey) Hughes, and Dwayne (Starr) Thompson; three sisters: Lillian Goodwin, Betty (Jeffrey) Washington, Sheila (Tony) Simuel; 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Two aunts Margaret Hepburn and Martha Thompson and a host of other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.



**Celebrating
Ernest Ealey Thompson, Sr.**

Musical Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection

Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament.....**Minister Cynthia Bookman**

Prayer

Selection.....Combined Choir

Resolution.....Chris Moore, Trustee

Reflections

Deacon Ceasar Leysath

Angela Oree, daughter

Shon Hunter, friend

Joe Thompson, son

Selection.....Pastor Melinda Williams

Eulogy.....Pastor James C. Woodley

Selection.....D'Asia Thompson

Recession



Committal, Benediction and Entombment