

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now. He set me free.*

Arthur F. Johnson

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness and love shown to them during their time of bereavement.

A special thank you to Woodhaven Nursing & Alzheimer's Care, UNC Health Southeastern both of Lumberton, North Carolina and Regency Hospital in Florence, South Carolina; and to Bishop Terry L. & First Lady Geneva Young and the MorningStar Baptist Church Family. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

~ The Family ~

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Homegoing Celebration

*In Loving Memory
of*

Mr. James Ell Thompson

"Pete"

*Sunrise
May 26, 1943*



*Sunset
September 22, 2021*

Saturday, October 02, 2021

Ten O'clock in the Morning

LE Floyd Funeral Home Chapel

115 Buie Street – Red Springs, North Carolina 28377

Bishop Terry L. Young, Officiating

The Obituary

Mr. James "Pete" Ell Thompson was born May 26, 1943 in Robeson County, North Carolina to the late June Rowland and Bernice Gyant Thompson. He transitioned from Labor to Reward on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at UNC Health Southeastern in Lumberton, North Carolina. He was a caring and friendly member of the Hilly Branch Community.

In his younger years, he was a farmer and worked at Little's Garage & Service Station on Hwy 41, where he tinkered on and towed cars. Then he relocated to Greensboro, North Carolina; where he was employed by the City of Greensboro Water & Sewer Department and Tucker Jones Furniture Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents: June Rowland and Bernice Gyant Thompson and a brother, Thomas Thompson.

Forever cherishing his memory are: his children: Altavia Chatman (Dennis) of Bellingham, Washington and La.Tonia Bennett of Greensboro, North Carolina. Six grandchildren: Zack, Savannah, and Artaibia Chatman all of Bellingham, Washington; Rion Thompson of Burlington, North Carolina; Shawntease and Shawn Neal of Greensboro, North Carolina; five great-grandchildren: LaCharity, KeShawn, Jordyn, Kayliah, and Allayah. Three sisters: Hazel Currie (Walter) of Gaithersburg, Maryland; Clara Lawrence of Charlotte, North Carolina; and Hattie Thompson of Lumberton, North Carolina; one sister-in-law, Mae Lois Thompson of Lumberton, North Carolina, special friends: Bobby and Connie Chavis, Gary Taylor, William Taylor, and Levi Taylor and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

~ The Broken Chain ~

We little knew that morning God was to call your name, in life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone. For part of us went with you the day God called you home, you left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

The Order of Service

Bishop Terry L. Young
Pastor, MorningStar Baptist Church
Burlington, North Carolina

Prelude.....	Musicians
Processional.....	Ministers & Family
Musical Selection.....	MSBC Praise Team
The Scripture Readings:	
Old Testament	Minister Maurice Vanhook
New Testament	Minister Charlene Burnette
Prayer of Comfort.....	Elder Maurice Withers
Musical Selection.....	MSBC Praise Team
Acknowledgments.....	Ms. Shearlie McBryde (Obituary Read Silently)
Reading of the Poem.....	Ms. Patricia Lewis
Reflections of Love.....	(Two minutes please)
Musical Selection.....	MSBC Praise Team
Words of Comfort.....	Bishop Terry L. Young
Benediction.....	Bishop Terry L. Young

