



Wilbur Thompson, Jr. was the sixth child born to the late Wilbur and Annie Mae Thompson on February 16, 1939 in Hogansville, Georgia. His schooling was completed in the Greenville School System, and he joined the family home church, White Plains United Methodist at a very young age.

On June 26, 1961, he married Bettye Jo Prather and to this union four children were born: Eric, Michael, Angela and Vanessa (Yvette).

He worked for Callaways' in LaGrange and U.S. Royal in Hogansville as a young man.

He relocated his family to Hartford, Connecticut in 1965, where he went to work for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft until he went into business for himself at the Capen Street Gas Station / Repair Garage.

He took classes at Manchester Community College in 1970 for reading blueprints and biding on jobs in the construction field. He then went into business as a partner with Cox Construction.

He joined Phillips CME Church in Hartford and served until he relocated to Georgia in 1983 and rejoined White Plains United Methodist Church, where he served until his health failed. He also worked construction with Walt Freemen Construction Company and Boyette Brothers until he retired.

His hobbies consisted of gardening, fishing, and grilling.

On July 26, 2017, God whispered, "Your work here is done.", and called him home to join his parents, siblings: Bobby Lee, Mary Hill, Clifford and Oliver; a grandchild, Dyvone Johnson; and a great grandchild, Ashya Emani Cooper, who all preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Bettye Thompson; four children: Eric (Robin), Michael (Lydia), Angela, and Vanessa (Marvin) Thompson; nine grandchildren: Quintone (Akeesha), Steven Sr., Candace, Tiffani, LaDawna, Shante', Aaron, Janae, and Jessica; seven great grandchildren: Steven, Jr., Joelle, Nolan, Allyn, Evelyn, Symeon, and Timothy; four sisters: Francis Woodard, Ambra Jean Swanson, Annette (Will) Partridge, and Carrie Combs; one brother Rozie Leon (Alice) Thompson; one very special nephew who was just like a son, Michael (Sylvia) Johnson; four in-laws: Henry Prather, Bernice Johnson, Thelma Bailey, and Bertha Thompson; three Godchildren: Elisha Barrows, Shamonica Colton, and Jamika Freeman; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	
Selection	
Scripture Reading:	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE
Old Testament	
New Testament	Reverend Oliver Cameron
Prayer	Reverend Yolanda Jones-Colton
Selection	
Poem	Jessica Thompson
Remarks (two minutes please)	Distance of the latest of the
As a church member	Mitchell Cousin
As a family memb <mark>er</mark>	Eddie B. Woodard
From the community	Jimmy Stanley
As a nephew	
Selection	
Obituary (read silently)	
Eulogy	Reverend Frank Dean, Jr.
Acknowledgements	Dortch-Williamson Staff
Recessional	
Postlude	

Olive Branch #2 Hogansville, Georgia

Interment

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Ellen Brenneman

Don't think of him as gone away his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.

And think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved so much.

Pallbearers

Dondi Dean Marcel Combs Trevor Combs
Jermayne Thompson

Sandford Partridge Garrett Woodard

Calvin Cameron

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgements:

The family of the late Wilbur Thompson, Jr. wishes to thank you all for your prayers, calls, cards, and visits during our time of bereavement. May God's light shine upon each and every one of you. We wish a special thank you to the Lake City Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for their love, kindness, and continuous care during Wilbur's illness.



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