

Active Pallbearers

Matthew McKinley • Rayford McKinley • Bobby J. Thompson
David Scott • Bruce Stevenson • Don Thompson

Honorary Pallbearers

Keith Hamlin • Lee Jones • Ledrue Scott

Flower Bearers

Charlene Burkhalter • Tranda Marzett • Arlene Stevenson
Diane Stevenson • Leslie Stevenson • Etta Kaye Thomas
Lynn Thompson • Rita Kaye Thompson • Stacy Wilson

Honorary Flower Bearers

Angela Hamlin • Ashley McKinley • Jacqueline McKinley

Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens
Spencer, Oklahoma

Services under the direction of:
TEMPLE & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, INC.

2801 North Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111
(405) 427-8321

"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation for your calls, cards, floral arrangements, prayers, and any other comforting support that you provided during this time of bereavement.

*In Loving Memory
of
Ester Thompson*

SUNRISE
December 25, 1939

SUNSET
February 11, 2023



SERVICES

Saturday, February 18, 2023 — 11:00 a.m.

GREATER MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

1020 N. E. 42nd Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Rev. Ray Douglas, Senior Pastor
Officiating

Obituary

Ester Thompson was born December 25, 1939, the seventh child to Pearl (Moon) Thompson and Iverson Thompson Sr. in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Ester graduated from Douglass High School, Oklahoma City, OK in 1958. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After his military service, he worked at Humpty Dumpty Foods as a butcher, 1964 worked for the City of Oklahoma City, Sanitation Division and 1966 worked as a welder at BS & B Steel Company. In 1970 Ester started working for Dayton Tire Company, where he rose through the ranks to Department Manager of the Banbury Unit (department that made the rubber for the tires). In 1978 Ester purchased his first rental property which led to numerous other purchases over the years. In 1985 Ester, started his own construction firm (E & E Construction).

In 2000, Ester and Eric decided to enter into the retail business and built a convenience store, Capitol Square Station. Initially Ester said he was only going to come and clean or repair as necessary. But on day one, he worked the cash register and enjoyed it enough, that it became his daily duty everyday from 6:00 am until 8:00 am with him and his buddy/nephew Lee Jones, opening up each day. No one else could work that shift, unless he had a golf outing. He owned and operated Capitol Square Station for 19 years. In 2018, his health started to decline and he had to retire.

Ester played golf for many years and traveled with his friends to numerous locations in town and out of state to play. Due to his health, he had not been able to participate in golf for the last several years, but his favorite golf player (Tiger Woods) was always on his viewing schedule. Ester's favorite times of the year were the Super Bowl, where he would cook for close family members, who would come by on that day to pick up their dinners, before the game and Christmas. He got great pleasure from having family member gather at his home for dinner and the gift exchanges. He also made sure that a couple of neighbors who lived alone received a dinner as well. Ester loved to give, more than he ever wanted to receive anything. Because his birthday was on Christmas Day, he received numerous phone calls from relative, in state and out of state. He would give them a full-blown description of the menu and had no hesitation at all in taking credit for preparation even though in most cases his part was only doing the carving.

Ester will be greatly missed by his entire family.

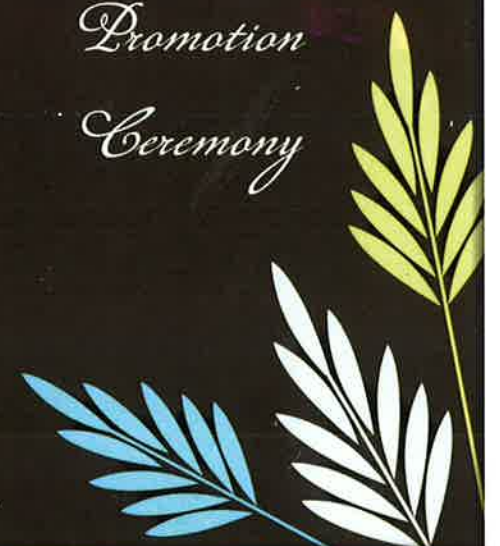
Ester was married to Alzada Marie Dulan and to this union was born a daughter, Esther Jeanene. Later married Gwendolyn Ellis and to this union was born a son Randall Keith. On December 22, 1966, he married Joan Scott Reynolds and to this union one son, Eric Von was born. Ester and Joan celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary this past December.

Preceding him in death, were his parents, and siblings, Sisters, Joan Stevenson, Naomi Thompson and Pearl Butler. Brothers, Iverson Thompson, Jr., William Thompson and daughter Esther Jeanene Thompson-Mckinley.

Ester leaves to cherish his memory, wife Joan, sons Eric, Oklahoma City, Ok. , Randall (Tina) Plano Texas. Sister Mary Hester Jones, Oklahoma City, Ok. Granddaughters Jacqueline Mckinley, Ashley Mckinley and Natalie Thompson, Oklahoma City, Ok. Candace Thompson and Jasmine Thompson, Plano Texas. Grandsons, Rayford Mckinley, Tipp City, Ohio and Matthew McKinley Oklahoma City, Ok. greatgranddaughter, Ashiah Mckinley, Oklahoma City, Ok. Greatgrandson Jackson McKinley, Oklahoma City, Ok. a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Promotion
Ceremony



TO MY HUSBAND

This is truly a day that I never wanted to come. I know that the past several years have been rough due to your illnesses. I do believe that you knew that I would have done anything to keep you here. However God had other plans. We had some good times and a lot of wonderful memories that will keep me for the rest of my days. When we were dating, you used to say that we that we would be together and love each other forever. Fifty Six years was our forever, although it seems like it was only yesterday. The one thing that I can say is through the years, our love for each other only continued to grow. From the moment I met you, you were the only one for me and that will remain so for the rest of my life. Love you forever Joan

To Papa,

I wish I could put into words how much I miss you. It's hard knowing that I will never have a chance to grab the newspaper for you in the morning, close the blinds, or grab a bottle of water from the fridge like I used to. One thing I will never forget is the motivation and guidance you have given me, especially with my academics. From sitting in the living room and reading comics in the newspaper out loud as we ate breakfast to spelling words from magazines that you would give me, it all means so much to me. Our promise will never be broken and I will always stay on top of my studies for you. I love you and miss you so much. *(Natalie)*

Grandpa,

There are not enough words to describe how much I will miss you ! The talks, the guidance, and making sure; I never left your home without a plate of food.

I am so grateful to have a grandad like you ! To the world you were Ester Thompson, the business man.. To me, you were grandad and I will forever hold you close to my heart..

The holidays will be different but one thing for sure, you laid a strong foundation for my brothers, sister, and myself.

We are thankful...

I am glad you were able to spend time with Jackson and he will know, he had an awesome great-grandfather that was a giver, loved his family, golf, and Tiger Woods.

Rest well, grandpa! Forever in my heart.

Love, Jack aka (Jackie) and Jackson

Dad,

I wanna Thank you for everything you've instilled in me, never missing an opportunity to share your knowledge with me. You never put limits on me or the things you believed could be achieved. You only insisted that I do things the right way no shortcuts. I couldn't ask for a better Father, 51 years of Love, Discipline, Trust and Friendship.

I Miss you so much, but I know you would say be strong take care of your Mom and Natalie. We will see each other again. You can rest now Dad. Job well done and know that you left a very grateful Son.

Precious Memories





Order of Service

Processional..... Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

Song..... Orlando Smith

Scripture Reading
 Old Testament Rev. Robert Partridge
 New Testament Rev. Ray Pickett

Prayer..... Senior Pastor Ray Douglas

Song — *“Home Going”* Rose Cowles

Resolutions/
 Acknowledgment Church Clerk

Expressions Guthrie Family, Arlene Stevenson
 Horace Stevenson, Friend
 Bobby Jerome Thompson, Detroit Family

Song — *“Safe In His Arms”* Ava Bruner

Eulogy Senior Pastor Ray Douglas

Video Tribute..... Greater Mount Olive Media

Recessional Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family