



Frederick Lloyd Thomas Sr.

November 1, 1924 - April 24, 2021

Frederick “Freddie” Lloyd Thomas, Sr. came into the world on November 1, 1924 (Sabbath Day) to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and Dorothy (formerly Bogle) Thomas and was LOVED from that day to this! He was the youngest of three and the only boy in the family. He dearly loved his older sisters and was very protective of them both. His father passed away when he was 3 years old. In 1943 he joined the U.S. Army at the age of 19, and during that year of his deployment he suffered the loss of his mother.

He was reared in the home of his maternal grandparents the late Mr. and Mrs. Bogle of Baltimore, Maryland, where they instilled in him the qualities that made him a godly and respectful man.

Freddie, as he was affectionately called by his family, joined the U.S. Army with the hopes of becoming a jet pilot and one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen. That dream, however, was thwarted by a commanding officer. He went on to serve in a postal company throughout Central Europe. During that tour he was under the command of General Dwight Eisenhower in the Battle of Rhinehart -a battle that the Allied Expeditionary Force believed would bring victory “within sight”. In 1946, Freddie was honorably discharged and returned home to Baltimore, MD. His decision to go to night school would prove to be pivotal in his life. It was this decision that led him to meet a beautiful, young woman by the name of Grace Simmons. He asked her if he could carry her books at the bus stop, and from that point on his was life full, exciting, prosperous and just BLESSED! On November 20, 1948, Freddie and Grace were joined in holy matrimony and remained blissfully married for 67 years until Grace’s death in 2015. Of that union, God blessed them with 6 wonderful children.

Frederick L. Thomas always had a good sense of humor, which he passed on to his children. He was blessed to be the FIRST black fireman in the city of Baltimore, Maryland! Frederick suffered the first blow to his heart in 1974 when he unexpectedly lost his oldest son Frederick Jr. He worked for the federal government at the Social Security Administration and then at the U. S. Postal Service, retiring after 30 years of service. He enjoyed being retired with Grace by his side, going from one adventure to another

together. They traveled more in retirement than they had in their working years. At 96 years of age, he was retired longer than he worked! In his lifetime, Frederick was a son, brother, soldier, husband, father, uncle, mailman, elder, assistant Pastor, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, and mentor, prolific poet, and composer. He wrote poems encouraging fellow church members, friends and even several U.S. Presidents. He received a reply from President William J. "Bill" Clinton. Freddie also wrote a poem to the late actor Carroll O'Connor better known as Archie Bunker upon the unexpected loss of his son. Carroll replied as well, expressing his gratitude.

As the Patriarch of our family - he led with love, dignity, strength, and humor, up until the very end. As his health began to quickly decline, he kept the faith, even as he uttered his last words - "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth!". He passed away quietly on April 24, 2021 (on Sabbath Day). He now awaits Christ's return in that great getting-up morning!

He leaves behind 5 children, Gregory A. Thomas, Sr. (Sandra), Denise F. Thomas-Hayden (Melvyn), Cecelia L. Thomas, Brian L. Thomas, Alida M. A. Thomas-Lawrence (William), 4 grandchildren, Zaneta D. T. Thomas-Attle (Paul), Gregory A. Thomas, Jr. (Nicole), Tisa N. Thomas, 4 great-grandchildren, Giovanni Thomas, Gabriel Thomas, Paul Attle, Jr., and Zachary Attle, Nieces Sandra Washington, Alevia Nance, Nephew Petey Welch, Cousins Alma Brown, Butch Walker, and a host of other cousins, nephews, nieces, family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Nathan L. Anderson Memorial Foundation, Inc. www.RememberingNathanAnderson.org

Cemetery

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham, MD, 20623

Events

MAY **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Laurel
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MAY **Service** 10:30AM

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Marshall-March Funeral Homes - May 03, 2021 at 08:39 AM



“ Remembering Elder Thomas as a faithful Sabbath School member. He was in our Sabbath School class for over 20 years and was one of the assistant teachers.. He was active and contributing to the lesson study when he asked not to lead out anymore. He would call in for Sabbath School lesson study during this pandemic for as long as he could. We will miss him. May God bless, comfort and strengthen you.

Carol Wallington, Sabbath School Teacher
Emmanuel Brinklow SDA Church

Carol Wallington - May 06, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ Our family greatly admired Brother Thomas. I'm sorry for the Thomas (and extended) family's loss of this wonderful man. There will indeed be a better day after a while - until then, please accept our condolences.

Hugh & Monique Richards Smith - May 06, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ How blessed the Thomas family must be! One day my wife and I visited Brother Thomas at White Oak Medical Center. What an honor it was. We went there to inspire him—Brother Thomas inspired us. Thank you, family, for sharing this soldier of the Cross with all of us. “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.” Revelation 14:13. Jeffrey and Pattiejean Brown, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Dr Jeffrey and Pattiejean Brown - May 06, 2021 at 11:16 AM



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Vicky - May 05, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ Connie Thomas-Razza and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Frederick Lloyd Thomas Sr..



Connie Thomas-Razza and Family - May 05, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ Ricky, Cynthia, & Corii Walker purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Frederick Lloyd Thomas Sr..



Ricky, Cynthia, & Corii Walker - May 05, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“I have fought long and hard for my Lord, and through it all I have kept true to him. And now the time has come for me to stop fighting and rest. 8 In heaven a crown is waiting for me, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that great day of his return...” (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

I had the distinct honor of meeting Mr. Thomas through a volunteer outreach. I was blessed to be able to call him and just listen to all of that wisdom! He was a sweet man, and loved to talk about his military career and his service to our country during WWII.

Our time together was brief, but memorable, and I'm really going to miss him.

We always joked that we had a date on Nov 1, 2021 to celebrate his 97th birthday. Although he's gone to be with the Lord, on Nov 1, 2021 I will light a cupcake candle and celebrate you, Mr. Thomas.

I thank God for blessing me to have met you, sir. Rest easy in Our Father's arms,

Very Respectfully,
Yvette Thompson



Yvette Thompson - May 01, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - April 29, 2021 at 05:05 PM