



## Carnell Thomas Jr.

February 27, 1937 - January 26, 2022

Carnell Thomas Jr. was born February 27, 1937 in Washington DC to the late Carnell and Elsie Mae Thomas.

Educated in DC Public Schools, Carnell graduated from Armstrong Technical High School and went on to become a master tradesman skilled as an electrician, mechanical engineer, and carpenter. Professionally, Carnell was certified as a Steam Engineer through the Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration (OPLA). He recently retired in September 2019, at the age of 82 from Kay Management's Metropolitan Building located on Georgia Avenue, after 44 years of service as the Sr. Engineer.

As the eldest of five children, Carnell illuminated a kind, generous and caring spirit--at the early age of 10, he acquired a job shaving ice to assist his mother in caring for his younger siblings. From that day until he retired, he was never without a job. As a young man, Carnell was a stylish dresser and extremely charismatic. This continued throughout his life, adding color to his style as the color palette was his playground, and hot red and pink were not off limits.

Carnell loved to sing at a young age and could often be found singing in the neighborhood quartet with friends.

Carnell loved spending time with his family and discovered the true meaning of unconditional love after becoming a father. Particularly, he enjoyed family gatherings where he would amusingly give an account of past events and showcase his comedic talents. After becoming a grandfather, his jubilant spirit reached higher heights and Christmas quickly became the most anticipated

time of year. On Christmas Day he would haul several large bags of gifts to and from the car, ensuring everyone was recognized, to include visitors. He also enjoyed the family's annual Father's Day Bar-B-Que where he would eat, sleep a little, then eagerly await to assume his role as the designated watermelon slicer.

Carnell exuded amazing ingenuity and used his creative talents to design intricate crafts, sketch portraits and build furniture. He passed this skillset to his recently departed eldest son Carnell A. Thomas. They enjoyed working on maintenance and installation projects together and would often consult one another when mitigating challenging engineering issues. Additionally, Carnell would financially and physically support his children at various church functions at the United House of Prayer for All People. It was not uncommon to see him in the audience playing a percussion instrument while observing his youngest son and daughter sing and perform during the McCollough Chimes' Annual Harvest concert. He often attended New Year's Eve Watch Night Services at the United House of Prayer, and on Father's Day, he would procession down the aisle in a uniquely colored suit that stood out from the other fathers; however, that didn't matter to him, he was a proud dad and wanted others to know it.

As a further testament to his faith in God, Carnell would attend church services at St. Job Baptist Church with his sister Joan. He assisted with worship service where needed, sang on the choir, and enhanced the musical praises by playing and providing instruments such as tambourines and shakers to other members. Carnell loved assisting other members and volunteered to transport them to and from church. After returning home from church services and in his spare time, Carnell enjoyed relaxing in his recliner while watching old movies and westerns. His laughter, kindness and gentle presence will be greatly missed; however, the All-Mighty God loved him best.

# Cemetery Details

## Lincoln Memorial Cemeteey

4001 Suitland Road  
Suitland, MD 20746

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - The District of Columbia  
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## Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Carnell Thomas Jr., Please Click the Link below.



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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - January 31, 2022 at 11:23 AM

SS

*To my family, I join you in honoring the memory and life of the man who to me was simply known as, Uncle Carnell. Always to be remembered and admired for his sharp attire, witty banter, and as the "twin" to my mother, Joan. I will miss hearing them recalling memories and laughing together and singing in the choir. But I can rest well in knowing that the music ministry and choir in heaven just got a little sweeter. We love you. Candy and Family*

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**Sharlise "Candy" Spindle** - February 05, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *Carnell Thomas Jr.*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

RF

“ Our sincere condolences to April, Curtis and Family in the loss of your Father. We pray that God will strengthen and comfort you in the days ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



*Romayne, Chanelle, Quartni & DeLono*

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**ROMAYNE FLOWERS** - February 08, 2022 at 12:50 PM

GK

“ Although my time with Mr. Thomas was brief, his kindness, hard work and wonderful sense of humor were constant and consistent and we are all blessed for having known him.



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**Gianina Kordon** - February 08, 2022 at 10:43 AM

MF

“ "Dude!" that's what we called Carnell, our neighbor for many, many years. My son's first barber. Was there a movie or tv western, he had not seen? Carnell was the friend, uncle with many jokes and words to live by. We enjoyed meals and life's adventures. Through Carnell, we knew his family, friends, and many tales of the Kaye Management Bldg where he was employed. To the Thomas family our heartfelt condolences, prayers, thoughts, and memories always. On behalf of Randall and Michelle and the memory of my parents Arveal and Randolph who predeceased years ago, you shall never be forgotten. Carnell did so much for many so often. The last of the original tenants that lived at 1544.

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**michelle c williams and family** - February 08, 2022 at 10:27 AM

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**Sharlise "Candy" Spindle** - February 07, 2022 at 07:48 PM

PC

“ Whenever, I saw Carnell, he had a smile, a friendly word and was always impeccably dressed. His warm, outgoing personality and his sense of humor will be missed but my prayer to his family is that you will always feel the presence of God's comforting love.

Cousin, Patricia Jean Boyd Covington

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**Patricia Jean Boyd Covington** - February 04, 2022 at 05:44 PM

RC

“ Hi April, Curtis & family, so sorry for the loss of your beloved Carnell. In our younger years Carnell was the cousin who regularly took my sister Jean and me to the movies and let us listen to him 'doowop' on the corner at times. Carnell was always the sharpest one with the best voice in the group. His smile and great humor will indeed be missed and all the memories that all have to share. I am also happy to know that he transitioned from here to glory with our Heavenly Father and we shall see him again someday. May the Lord continue to bless and keep all of you.

Love and blessings, 🙏🏻🙏🏻 Rosetta

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**Rosetta Alston, cousin** - February 01, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ 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.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - January 27, 2022 at 07:35 PM