

FLOWER BEARERS
Granddaughters and Nieces
Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church Missionaries

CASKET BEARERS
Grandsons and Nephews

Acknowledgement

Our sincere thanks are extended...

*To God Almighty,
Whose love sustains us.*

*To Our Church Family,
Whose understanding blesses us.*

*To Community Friends,
Whose peace comforts us.*

*To One and All,
Whose prayers and presence lift us.*

The Family of Mr. Robert Lee Thompson, Sr.



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**A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN VICTORY FOR
Mr. Robert Lee Thompson, Sr.**



*"So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."
Psalm 90:12*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016
1:30 P.M.**

**GOLER METROPOLITAN A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
1435 E. FOURTH STREET
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA**

REVEREND JOHNNY RUFF, PASTOR/OFFICIATING

- God-fearing Man, Devoted Father and Faithful Servant -

Mr. Robert Lee Thompson, Sr. was born to the late James "Papa Jim" Thompson and Ethel "Nannie" McIlwain Thompson in Lancaster, South Carolina, on October 28, 1915. He attended school in Lancaster and graduated from Lancaster High School.

Mr. Thompson was a life-long, charter member of Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina where he faithfully served as Class Leader for over twenty-five years.

He enjoyed cooking and prepared Sunday dinner each week for his children and grandchildren and he welcomed many guests to his table. He was passionate about gardening and he meticulously tended his vegetables and flowers. For many days during his early life he appreciated a good game of checkers and could be found relaxing on a fishing bank. And he looked forward to his yearly trip back home to South Carolina to attend Camp Meeting. His final and most recent trip back home was in September of 2015.

Prior to his retirement from the company, Mr. Thompson worked for more than forty years as both a seasonal and fulltime employee of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was also employed as a private gardener for the Hill and Cannon families in the city.

Mr. Robert Lee Thompson, Sr. peacefully passed away at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem, on Thursday, January 7, 2016. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his devoted wife of forty-five years, Mary Hall Thompson; his children, Christopher Thompson, Aaron Donnell Thompson, Barbara Ann Carter and Robert Lee Thompson, Jr.; his siblings, Cornell Thompson, Inez Couzar, James Thompson, Reverend Leroy Thompson and Edward Thompson.

Those family members who survive and who will forever cherish special memories of a dedicated and loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend include his children, Willie Thompson, Charles R. Thompson, Portia (Ron) Elerbe, Gloria Robbison, Jimmie Thompson and Ronald Thompson; two daughters-in-law, Karolyn Thompson and Andre Thompson Waddell; a son-in-law, Raymond Carter; 15 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law, Alma and George Clement, Lillie Ruth Gibson, Marion and Helen Hall, Vernon and Shirley Hall and Florence Brown; special nieces, Bernice Bartee, Shirley McKinney-Longmore, Veronica Adams, Patricia Brown and Yvonne Thompson; several other nieces and nephews, special cousins, extended family members and friends; and his Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church family.

IN OUR HEARTS

***We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too.***

***We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name;
All we have now are memories,
And your picture in a frame.***

***Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we will never part;
God has you in his keep,
We have you in our heart.***

***It broke our heart to lose you.
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you...
The day God took you home.***

(Author Unknown)

"WHAT MAKES A DAD"

**"God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight...
And so He called it DAD." -Unknown**

ONLY ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Only once in a lifetime does a child feel so blessed to have a “hardworking father”
and provider for their family. One who labors inside and outside his home
Never sitting idle, always busy as can be

Only once in a lifetime can a child find a “dependable father”
One that works in his flower and vegetable gardens,
cooks and cans in the kitchen making sure there is always food on the table.
With God’s help you know he was able!

Only once in a lifetime does a child have a “virtuous father”
A man that attended and made sure his children went to Sunday School,
attended church and Vacation Bible School as well
So they could learn about their Heavenly Father and to others they may tell

Only once in a lifetime does a child live to see a “praying father.”
A man not afraid to get down on his knees
making sure his children kneel beside him at night,
showing by example how to live right.

Only once in a lifetime does a child have the security and love of a “dedicated father.”
A man who shows unconditional love and makes you feel safe,
with his strength, perseverance and unwavering faith.

Only once in a lifetime does a child live to see a “faithful man.”
A man that loves, honors and cherishes his wife
In sickness and in health all the days of her life.

Only once in a lifetime does a child rise up to call their Dad a “virtuous man.”
A child of the King, A man of God, A man with a humble spirit and a heart of gold
A man with integrity as he lives what God has bestowed.

Only once in a lifetime does his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren
have the honor to celebrate his legacy of 100 years of living
To God be the glory, we can’t beat God’s giving!

Thank you God! We give you the honor and praise!
We’ll be forever grateful all the rest of our days
For blessing us with this mighty, wonderful, phenomenal man...
Our father, Mr. Robert Thompson, Sr.

Prelude

Processional

Clergy and Family

Family Visitation Period

1:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Reverend Johnny Ruff

Opening Selection

Cathedral Choir

The Holy Scripture

Minister

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Johnny Ruff

Solo

Mrs. Hazel Moore

Church Resolution

Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church

Community Resolution

Ms. Norma Graham

Family Tribute

Selection

Cathedral Choir

Eulogy

Reverend Johnny Ruff

Pastor, Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Recessional

The Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Winston-Salem, NC



