



James Earl Thompson

May 10, 1949 - December 2, 2015

James E. Thompson (Buddy) 66, of 33 Admiral Street, West Haven, CT departed this life on Wednesday December 2, 2015 at the Connecticut Hospice in Branford, CT after a brief battle of bladder cancer. Buddy was born in Roland, NC on May 10, 1949 to the late Rudolph and Evangelist Jether Thompson. He moved to Keyport, NJ at the age of 4. He moved to New Haven at the age of 8 years old. He graduated and went to the army. He worked for Branford Honda 25 years as an auto technician and retired in January 2012. Throughout his life time he held membership with the following churches, Corinth Temple, First Calvary, and Faith Baptist but currently attended Walk of Faith Church. He started his quartet career with the Belltones of Waterbury, CT. He played with the Junior Golden Stars until he became a Golden Star with whom he traveled abroad playing guitar and singing praises unto God for 40 plus years. Buddy recently played with the Pilgrims of Faith. He married Rita Riddick on April 25, 2014. He will be sadly missed by his family, church family, quartet family, and friends for his loving and direct ways.

He leaves to cherish his memories, a loving and devoted wife, Rita Riddick-Thompson of West Haven, CT. Five children Eric (Tasha) of West Haven, Erika of Derby, Aron (Wajeedah) of New Haven, Troy (Lori) of East Haven, Vernon Thompson, and stepdaughter Sharon Reed, 12 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, sister Flora Sullivan, brother Rudolph Thompson Jr., Mother

and Father in-law Mary and Meredith Riddick, 2 sister and brother in-laws, 4 Godchildren; Johnny Rich, Lavette Pittman, Leon Bethea and Shanita Hinton, a good friend Rosco "Butterfly" Herring, special friend Roshanda Bolden, aunt Ruther Bonner, uncle Robert Thompson and a host of nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his father Rudolph Thomspon Sr., mother Evangelist Jether Thompson, brother Vernon Thompson, and sister Kimberly Greene.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Chapel New Testament Church
220 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Earl Thompson*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Laronda Conyers lit a candle in memory of James Earl Thompson*



laronda conyers - December 11, 2015 at 01:09 PM



“ *Steven Haywood lit a candle in memory of James Earl Thompson*



Steven Haywood - December 11, 2015 at 08:03 AM



“ *to the thompson family you stay in my prayers thank you for sharing a i con with us im really going to mis him buddy thank you for letting me share the stage with you.*

michael smith - December 11, 2015 at 05:27 AM

MS

“ *Michael Smith lit a candle in memory of James Earl Thompson*



michael smith - December 11, 2015 at 05:22 AM

BL

“ *Bridget Atkins Little lit a candle in memory of James Earl Thompson*



bridget atkins little - December 10, 2015 at 10:24 PM

KH

“ *Kim Hess lit a candle in memory of James Earl Thompson*



Kim Hess - December 10, 2015 at 11:32 AM

KB

“ *Kristine Baron lit a candle in memory of James Earl Thompson*



Kristine Baron - December 10, 2015 at 08:55 AM

KL

“ *Kristin Luciano lit a candle in memory of James Earl Thompson*



Kristin Luciano - December 10, 2015 at 08:54 AM

CC

“ *Christina Centore` lit a candle in memory of James Earl Thompson*



Christina Centore` - December 10, 2015 at 08:53 AM

CH

“ *To the Thompson Family may God keep us in this time of sorrow . Brother inlaw I'm going to miss your smart mouth and pulling my hair when I come in the house. So many memories I have of u that I will cherish love u but God loves u best*



Cassandra Hinton - December 09, 2015 at 04:05 PM

LB

“ *When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now. I extend our/my most sincere condolences to you. Lorine Barker-Murphy & Latimer Family.*

Lorine Barker-Murphy - December 09, 2015 at 03:25 PM

MC

“ *Maria Coardes lit a candle in memory of James Earl Thompson*



Maria Coardes - December 09, 2015 at 01:33 PM

MC

“ *Maria Coardea lit a candle in memory of James Earl Thompson*



Maria Coardea - December 09, 2015 at 01:27 PM

LD

“ *TO the thompson family May you find comfort in knowing your loved one is with god resting in perfect peace, praying for you all.*



loretta davis - December 08, 2015 at 04:56 PM