

Psalm 91:1,2, 14-16

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

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Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary, Inc.
1011 Augusta Street
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In Loving Memory of Dr. Sherwood Thompson



January 6, 1952 - April 5, 2020

Saturday, April 18, 2020 - 1:00pm
Resthaven Memorial Gardens
1655 Piedmont Highway
Piedmont, South Carolina 29673

Order of Service

Rev. Charlie Thomas, Presiding
John Wesley United Methodist Church, Greenville, S.C.

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Family Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Granville Hicks

Scripture Reading.....Rev. Charlie Thomas

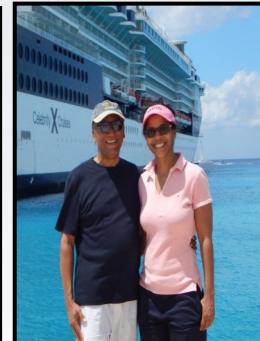
Trumpet Solo.....Clarence D. Thornton
Amazing Grace

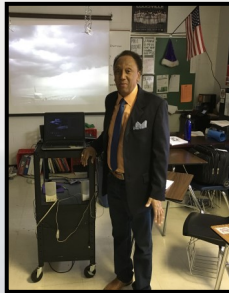
Memories/Eulogy....Minister DeWayne Givens

Committal/Prayer

Benediction.....Rev. Charlie Thomas

Recessional





Favorite Quote

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep **streets even as a Michaelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. **He** should sweep **streets** so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great **street sweeper** who did his job well.'**"

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sherwood Thompson, Ed.D.

Dr. Sherwood Thompson, 68, passed away on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020, at Baptist Health Richmond Hospital in Richmond, Kentucky. He lived in Richmond with his wife, Dr. Doris Crawford Thompson.

Dr. Thompson was born on January 7, 1952, in Greenville, South Carolina. After dedicating his formative years to hard work and fighting for racial equity and social justice, he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg (Upstate), a Master of Education and a Doctor of Education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. In addition to several faculty fellowships, he was also awarded numerous certificates to observe his excellence in training and leadership.

Dr. Thompson was the former Executive Director of the Model Laboratory School and of Teacher Education Services, former Assistant Dean of the College of Education, and former interim Chief Diversity Officer at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU). He was awarded the 2016 Higher Education Excellent in Diversity (HEED) Award for innovative diversity program development. Dr. Thompson was a tenured full-professor at EKU.

Dr. Thompson attained distinction through a lengthy and productive career, directing campus-wide diversity programs for three major Division I universities, as well as one regional polytechnic university. Professor Thompson served on several editorial boards, and as the Principle Investigator for the Call Me Mister ® Program, an African American male teacher leadership program and for The Best Should Teach Program, a teaching excellence program for district and College educators. He served as an international delegate, guest lecturer and educator in China, India and Pakistan. He excelled in building global citizenship awareness and international programs, as evidenced by his frequent visitations and scholarly presentations at international universities and conferences.

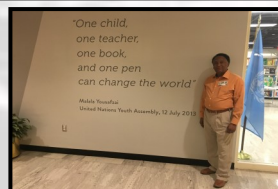
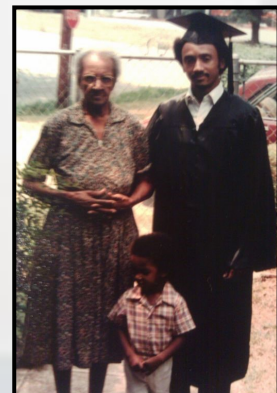
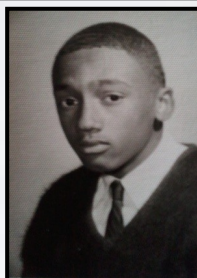
No Trials, No Testimony

God hath not promised
skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
all our lives through;

God hath not promised
sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
peace without pain.

But God hath promised
strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
undying love...





Dr. Thompson served as the Executive Director of the Association for the Advancement of Educational Research International. His work included five books and the two-volume 900-page Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice. Dr. Thompson is listed in The Encompass Digital Repository with over 60 scholarly papers. He was most proud of his brainchild, Ideal Educational Concepts and Solutions, dedicated to innovations in interactive educational materials and gaming. He was an avid reader, loved traveling, music, writing, bicycling, and new technology. He had an affinity for artwork, “real McCoy” cookie jars and butterflies. He believed in staying informed, mindfulness and meditation and striving toward your fullest potential. He was a friend, mentor and educator to students and other educators around the world.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Doris Crawford Thompson; his mother, Carolyn Harris and stepfather, Richard Harris of Greenville, SC; his mother-in-law, Jeanette Crawford, of Clarksdale, MS; a special aunt, Jacqueline Chatman, of Gary, IN; two sisters, Vanessa Harris of Gary, IN and Penny Hawthorne of Greenville, SC; one son, Malik Thompson and daughter-in-law, Jessica, of NY; one daughter, Aminah Thompson, of Durham, NC; two grandsons, Khari Thompson, of NY, and Josiah Jefferson Thompson, of NC; a brother-in-law, Monty Crawford; one niece, Brandy Hawthorne; one uncle, Isadore Thompson; and a special cousin, Ronnie Harris.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John F. Thompson, Sr., and Lillie Jeter Thompson; a brother, Richard Harris; and two uncles, John F. Thompson, Jr., and Pelham Chatman.

A public memorial will be held at a later date in Richmond, Kentucky when restrictions due to Covid-19 are lifted.

Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home is handling local arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at www.orpfh.com.

Slow Me Down Lord

Slow me down Lord
Ease the pounding of my heart
by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried pace
with a vision of the eternal march of time.
Give me amid the confusion of the day,
the calmness of the eternal hills.

Break the tension of my nerves and muscles
with the soothing music of the singing streams
that live in my memory.

Help me to know the magical restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking MINUTE vacations,
Of slowing down to look at a flower,
to chat with a friend,
to pat a dog,
to read a few lines of a good book.

Slow me down Lord
and inspire me to send my roots
deep into the soil of life's enduring values
that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

Author: Wilfred A. Peterson

