

Mr. Herman "Elliott" Thompson

June 26, 1931 - November 30, 2013

Celebrating the Life of Mr. Herman Elliott Thompson:

as you take a moment today to read what is often known as an obituary – we realize Elliott, born June 26, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan lived a very full and dedicated life. This child, only child of Inez T. Carter and oldest child of Charles Robertson, touched many through his heartfelt belief that “God ordered his footsteps.”

Elliott was educated in Detroit’s Public School system, graduating from Pershing High School in June 1949 after growing up on Charest Street. Directly after graduating high school he was drafted in 1950 by the United States Army as a First Private in the Korean War, serving both the 839th EAB and in 1952 the Special Training 101st ABN-Division. During his years of service he was honored with the Korean Service Ribbon, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal. On October 15, 1953, he was promoted to rank of Corporal – serving until receiving an honorable discharge in 1954. On April 27, 1957, Elliott was united in holy matrimony to Barbara Delores Jemison. To this union was born two daughters, Deborah Angela and Denise Anita.

Elliott attended an electronics school in downtown Detroit, completed classes at Wayne State University and later went to school at Ford Motor Company

where he earned his Journeymen's Plumber License. Elliott was one of the first African American plumbers admitted into the union at Ford Motor Company, serving as a dedicated employee for 35 years until retiring in 1984.

Toward his family and children he was a devoted father who imparted much wisdom and life-long learning. His family knew his philosophy about money, "When you work give God ten percent; pay a percentage to yourself and then pay your bills." When his daughters were young and earned their allowance, he instructed them to first give money to the church and then save some in their credit union accounts. From time to time, Elliott would inspect their savings account books, making sure they were doing as they had been advised to do. As a devout Christian, christened at an early age at Vernon Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Detroit's northeast side, he continued to serve in the role of Finance Committee Trustee and accepted responsibility for Vernon Chapel's Transportation Ministry. His concern regarding young people was expressed by teaching in Sunday school though not realizing all the young males he taught would graduate from college. After many decades he joined Corinthian Baptist Church (Hamtramck) and was baptized. There he was a devoted member, enjoying weekly Bible study, the fellowship he experienced with his immediate family and extended family in the church. Because he loved helping people, he would insure kids had college books so that their education was not interrupted. In this same vain he was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Consistently as each day ended, he always thought living meant working five days and attending church and resting on Sunday. He felt that if God gave him life – he could give service to Him on Sunday.

Elliott was an extreme car enthusiast, tinkering with endless models or a friend's if they would let him see under the hood. He enjoyed working on cars, driving any model and if you came by with a new auto he would not hesitate to ask if he could drive your car. In an effort to explain why car maintenance was

so important, he would provide a spiral notebook to people with whom he interacted - taking time to insure they understood each lesson so they would be able to keep track of their automobile repairs. Elliott enjoyed explaining cars to others, ultimately teaching Deborah and Denise how to change their car oil. His car enthusiasm boiled over every August as a constant joyful attendee to the Woodward Dream Cruise. Beyond cars he maintained his high spirit for bowling earning many trophies and one year bowling a PERFECT GAME; he took up golfing and ultimately began an extensive exercise-health routine. Of course, this was probably because in 1960 he heeded his doctor's advice. In his usual manner he learned everything about best ways to cook, bake, eat and create healthy menus.

*In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer a donation made in honor of Elliott to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R., Detroit, MI 48201

Cemetery Details

Acacia Park Cemetery

31300 Southfield Road
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Dec. **13**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Dec. **14**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church
1725 Caniff
Hamtramck, MI 48212

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Herman "Elliott" Thompson*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Dear Barbara and Family,
God sent us a comforter for times such as this. Our prayer is that you will allow Him to comfort you and give you peace. Stay strong in the Lord and the power of His might.
We will always remember the positive impact Elliott had on our children as Jaira reminded us of her first ride in a convertible given her and her sister by Mr. Thompson. We appreciate all of the good advice he gave to us. He will really, really be missed. But we are as close as your telephone if you need anything at all.
Much love to you all.
Thomas and Barbara Latimer & Family*

Thomas & Barbara Latimer - December 14, 2013 at 10:16 PM

NP

“ Dear Barbara and Family,

Please know how very saddened I am for the loss of our beloved cousin Elliott Thompson. He was an extraordinary person with a heart of an Angel. He would always educate our family about health and its importance. I will definitely miss my educational sessions.

I can't imagine how hard it is for everyone at this time, but he will live in our memories forever. May God continue to provide you with the strength you need to cope with this difficult situation. I love you and God Bless you all.

Nikki Price

Nikki Price - December 14, 2013 at 10:01 AM

RP

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.” John 14:1-4

Sister Barbara, Deborah, Denise and grandchildren, there are no words sufficient to express the great sorrow the Prince family feels in sharing in the passing of our dearly beloved "Brother Elliott." He was forever a source of encouragement and help to our entire family.

Throughout the many, many years, Elliott shared with us that his quest in life was to be a faithful follower of the Lord. He never failed to show everyone some act of kindness or generosity. Elliott truly, "walked the talk." There is no doubt that one of those rooms in the "Father's house" has been prepared and waiting for his heavenly occupancy. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We will forever hold Elliott in precious memories. And he lives forever in our hearts. Barbara, Deborah, Denise and grands, we pray that our Lord will bless and comfort each of you. Thanks be to God for having blessed the world with the life of "Brother Elliot." Blessings and peace, Ben, Sandra, Kristin, Kim and the rest of the Princes.

Rev. Ben Prince - December 14, 2013 at 01:22 AM



“ *Cousin Barbara and Family, our prayers are with you. Elliot made an impression in me early. He was brutally honest. Elliot loved his family. He was always mentoring, for he was full of knowledge. God Bless you & His Spirit comfort you.*

Paul, Erica, Aaron, & Skylar Stevenson

Paul Stevenson - December 13, 2013 at 11:43 PM

RS

“ *To God Be The Glory..To my Adopted Family.... Thank You for letting me be a part of your Family...Praying for you at this time...Love You...Rose Stanley*



rose stanley - December 13, 2013 at 06:45 PM

RB

“ *We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Barbara Thompson and family in the passing of your husband, father and grandfather . With love, Gerald & Rhonda Bealore and family.*

Rhonda Bealore - December 13, 2013 at 02:58 PM

GC

“ Dear Barbara, Deborah, Denise and Family,
On behalf of the Clark family of Robert J., Valarie and Robert, I extend our very special and deep love to each of you at this time. We have been friends for many years and shared countless laughs, tears, prayers and thoughts together. While the days of our lives are numbered, love has no end. We have called each other "friends and family." Be reminded of the love that bonded us years ago is with you today and always.

Let the peace of Jesus be with you as you walk through this valley of death.

Genevieve Clark-Dench for Robert J. Clark and Family.

Genevieve Clark-Dench - December 13, 2013 at 12:08 PM

YP

“ Dearest Barbara, Deborah, Denise and Family,

I will miss my Cousin Elliott (aka my Brother) so very much for his wisdom and support of Family. He was concerned about everyone in our family and often shared his knowledge about the challenges of his illness so that we would be better stewards of our own health. I am very grateful for the time we spent together after each "Cousin's Birthday" luncheon when he would share with me his love and appreciation for each of us. He took pride in being the "only male cousin" to participate in our luncheons, and honored each of us with a card he created especially for us always closing with "God Loves You!"

Elliott was a blessing to me, and I will be thankful forever for the memories, the laughs we shared, and to believe in the message and benefits of the "Prayer of Serenity." If he were with us today, he would remind us to be strong and not worry about him because he is resting peacefully with God!

Remember that God Loves You, and We Love You too! Your Cousins,

Yvonne, Bernard, Nikki Price, and Carmel Carroll Robertson

Yvonne Robertson Price - December 13, 2013 at 09:07 AM

MF

“ Dear Barbara and family. I always look forward to seeing Elliott at church on Sunday morning. we always had a good conversation. I will trully miss him. I Am praying for you and the family. Barbara if u need anything please call me. Sister Maria Fox

M Fox - December 13, 2013 at 08:28 AM

EP

“*Dear Barbara & Family*
Sorry for your loss. We have many good memories from years and years ago.
Traveling to Freeport. motor bike rides there, swimming, and more.
He was a great man and friend. Love you both dearly. Thank God for the memories. Love you all.

The Ellis A. Pope family.

Edith M. Pope - December 12, 2013 at 09:35 AM

OJ

“*Dear Barbara, we extend our most heartfelt sympathies to you and your family on your loss. May our Dear Friend Elliott rest in Peace.*
The Conant Gardeners and the Pershing High School Alumni Association.

Orlin Jones - December 06, 2013 at 01:53 PM

RS

“*Barbara & Family,*
Second post.
Last spoke with Elliott about a month ago. He & I talked for awhile, & he thanked me for the little help I did over the years. Talked about his treatment. Extra time he was given.
He was getting everything in order, as Thomas Chapman did. We send our condolence to the family. And I would like to thank you Barbara for the support with my Mother.
Good people just fade away, & never die.
The Short Family, Rowland & Lynne, Rowland Jr. & Alyssa

Rowland A Short Sr - December 05, 2013 at 11:43 AM

JK


“ To the family,
Sorry to hear that my friend, & fellow Korean War buddy has
passed. You have my deepest sympathy.
Jim Kemp

Jim Kemp - December 04, 2013 at 04:08 PM

SK

“ Mrs Thompson, Deborah, and Denise: We all grew up in Vernon
Chapel with your family and I will NEVER forget Mr. Thompson
greeting me at my graduation from grad school he gave me a
Saving bond that I still have to this day! over 28 years!...he would
visit with me at Henry Ford Hospital while I was doing my post doc
work, he would visit his mother and then see me with words of
advice and support. What a wonderful legacy and life. I will never
forget you and his legacy. Stephen Jacquie, John 'Buck' and Wanda
Kemp.


Stephen Kemp - December 04, 2013 at 01:01 PM

 Robert
Holiday

“ Robert Holiday purchased the Sympathy Fruits A
bound for the family of Mr. Herman "Elliott"
Thompson.



Robert Holiday - December 04, 2013 at 12:38 PM

 Robert
Holiday

“ *Barbara, Denise, Deborah, family,
No words can convey what we feel. We look out our window and
now only see one yard light instead of the two that we used to see.
We look for that bundled up walker with the radio headphones on
his hooded and masked head. We'll miss the sage advise that was
always available, and the guy whose love of cars was so evident.
We'll miss that guy who loved his gadgets, and used to take notes
on everything including his hands. Elliott was truly blessed. We're
grateful that we had the chance to know and cherish him.*

Bob & Denise Holiday

Robert Holiday - December 04, 2013 at 12:22 PM

HH

“ *Dear Barbara, Denise, Deborah and family;
Debbie & I are saddened by your loss, but are
pleased that Elliott has passed on to a greater
life. He was our friend, advisor, confidant and
neighbor and is already missed. Our love,
prayers and thoughts will be with you always.*



Harvey & Debbie Hodge - December 02, 2013 at 07:39 PM