



## Mr. William Henry Thompson

September 6, 1942 - February 25, 2014

The Life and Legacy of William H. Thompson, Sr.

William H. Thompson (Bill) was born on September 6, 1942 in Lanett, Alabama to Ruth and John Thompson Jr.

He completed school at Lanier High School, Lanett, Alabama, and moved on to serve a full term in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was recognized as a sharpshooter and became very active in the culinary arts. After his honorable discharge, he went on to study restaurant and hotel service management in New York.

Early in his career he met the love of his life, Carolyn E. Smith, and was united in holy matrimony April 1970. To this union three sons were born; William Jr., Kenneth, and Marcus. He instilled great values in his sons such as, the importance of hard work and the necessity of putting God first in all things.

Bill moved to Detroit in 1976 and worked in food service management for 30 years. Bill joined The New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Southfield, Michigan with the Rev. David L. Roberson, Pastor. After he retired, he served in his church faithfully by participating in multiple ministries and choirs. His solid faith and devotion to the Lord and his church family was evident in his

daily interactions. He also enjoyed gardening and working outdoors. He made a point of teaching his sons how to fish at an early age.

On the evening of February 25, 2014, God opened up the gates of Heaven, and welcomed him in.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Wednesday, Mar. **5.** 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

Thursday, Mar. **6.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
23455 W. Nine Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

## Funeral Service

Thursday, Mar. **6.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William Henry Thompson*

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