

Celebration of the Life
of
Charles Preston Thompson, Sr.

May 12, 1926

April 5, 2009



Saturday, April 11, 2009
11:00 a.m.

Fairhaven United Methodist Church
12801 Darnestown Road
Darnestown, Maryland 20878

Rev. J. W. Park - Officiating

Obituary

Charles Preston Thompson, Sr. was born on May 12, 1926 in Martinsburg, Maryland, the son of the late Emmanuel Sr. and Georgia B. Thompson. He quietly and peacefully entered into his eternal rest on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at his home.

He was a life long member of Pleasant View United Methodist Church and served as a trustee for over 40 years. When Pleasant View united to form Fairhaven UMC, Charles continued to serve faithfully whenever and however he was needed; as an usher, putting up chairs, breaking down tables and being his most gracious self at all times.

He was educated in the Montgomery County Public School system. Charles was employed by Naval Ordnance Laboratory for 32 years, and retired December 30, 1983. He also worked for Gaithersburg Public Works for 10 years where he was blessed to experience a second retirement.

On December 31, 1945, he married Helen A. Smith. From this union he was blessed with five children: Charles Jr., Carolyn, Betty, Sherry and Cherry.

Charles was loved and admired by everyone for his quiet strength and leadership. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 63 years, Helen, five children, Charles Jr., Carolyn, Betty, Sherry, Cherry; one daughter in-law, Tammy; one son in-law Lonnie; mother in-law, Pearl Green; two devoted sisters, Helen E. Jackson, Evelyn L. Jackson; four sisters in-laws, Callie Thompson, Liza Thompson, Jacquelin Bell and Rita Green; four brother in-laws, Clarence Jackson, Howard Bell, Rev. Gerard Green, Vernon Green; five grandchildren, Eric, Kristen, Cory, Ryan, Travis; four great-grandchildren, Kie, Deonte, Gavin, and Jaden; two devoted cousins, Yvonne Copeland, Otho Thompson; a devoted best friend, William Ridgley and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by three brothers William, Emmanuel Jr., & James Thompson.

He will be remembered not so much for the words he spoke, but by the life he lived in Christian Service.

IF I KNEW

If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep
I would tuck you in more tightly
And pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door
I would give you a hug and kiss
and call you back for one more.



If I knew it would be the last time
I could spare an extra minute,
To stop and say " I LOVE YOU "
Instead of assuming you would know I do.

If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your day,
Well I'm sure you'll have so many
More, so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow
To make up for an overnight,
And we always get a second chance
To make everything just right.

There will always be another day
to say " I LOVE YOU, "
And certainly there's another
Chance, to say our "anything I can do ?"

But just in case I might be wrong
And today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I Love You
And I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance you get
To hold you loved one tight.

So hold your loved ones close today
And whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them
And that you'll always hold them dear.

Author Unknown

Pallbearers

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| Tim Bell | Emanuel Thompson III |
| Kevin Jackson | Patrick Thompson |
| Kevin Bell | Emanuel Thompson IV |

Honorary Pallbearers

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| Howard Bell | Rev. Gerard Green |
| Vernon Green | George Smith, Sr. |
| George Smith, Jr. | Zachary Thompson |

In Appreciation

Because you cared, you came to share,
Beautiful flowers and words of prayer.

Because you cared enough to do,
Words of comfort and cards came too;
Because you cared, we are grateful indeed,
You've been a comfort and a friend in need;
Because you cared, we're praying too,
For God's richest blessings for each of you.

The Family

Repast

The family will receive friends in Fairhaven's Fellowship Hall immediately following interment.

Services Entrusted to
Snowden Funeral Home
246 North Washington Street
Rockville, Maryland 20850

A Celebration of the Life

of

Eugene Austin Hallman

November 12, 1930 – June 25, 2008

*“Death is not extinguishing the light, it is putting out
the lamp because dawn has come”*



Tuesday, July 1, 2008

Viewing 9:00 am- 11:00 am

Funeral 11:00 am

Fairhaven United Methodist Church

12801 Darnestown Rd

Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Reverend J.W. Park, Minister

OBITUARY

Eugene Austin Hallman, affectionately known as "Gene" by family and friends departed this life at Hospice of Montgomery County (Casey House) on Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

Gene was the son of the late Samuel U. and Evelyn Ricks Hallman. He was born on November 12, 1930 in Quince Orchard, Maryland.

Gene received his formal education in Montgomery County public schools. In 1949, he graduated from Lincoln High in Rockville followed by two years of military service in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Gene was employed by Norman Mills Plumbing of Quince Orchard as a plumber's helper. He also was employed by G. C. Murphy in Rockville, MD. Gene was employed by Montgomery County public school system for 39 years. He was especially remembered by his family and friends for his gardening, dancing and traveling. He was a member of W. Bruce Evans Elks Lodge #380.

Gene joined Pleasant View Methodist Church at an early age, later singing in the senior choir, and was a member of the Pleasant Tones gospel singers. After joining Fairhaven United Methodist Church, he donated his services for the upkeep of the church grounds.

He leaves to remember his life of service, three sisters, Ida Pearl Hallman Green, Dr. Evelyn Roberta Hallman of Knoxville, TN, and Esther Mae Hallman Lyons; one brother, Thompkins of Washington, DC; one brother-in-law, Curtis Lyons, and a special niece Pamela Benjamin, two close family friends, Joe Hallman and William Lee, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Gene was a ray of sunshine in everyone's day. He left a memorable impression on everyone he met.

ORDER OF SERVICE

**PRELUDE.....Julia Outhwaite
Director of Music, Fairhaven UMC**

**OPENING HYMNBlessed Assurance #369 (Vs.1 & 3)
Fairhaven Combined Choir**

INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYEREdna Mae Smith

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament – Psalm 23

**New Testament – Revelations 21:1-7
David Hallman (Nephew)**

SOLO.....I Come To The Garden Alone.....Kenneth Greene

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/OBITUARY.....Alma Ridgley

SPECIAL TRIBUTES:

Betty Hawkins – Class of 1949

Gordon Crutchfield

W. Bruce Evans - Elks Lodge #380

Rev. Gerard Green, Jr.

SELECTION.....Because He Lives #380 (Vs.1 & 3)

EULOGY..... Rev. J.W. Park

RECESSIONAL.....When We All Get to Heaven.....#701

**POSTLUDE.....Julia Outhwaite
Director of Music, Fairhaven UMC**







Pallbearers

Vernon Green
Joe Hallman
David Hallman

Dwight Hallman
Melvin Joppy, Jr.
Charles Thompson, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Howard Bell
Raymond Plummer

William Lee
Upton Talley

We stood beside your bedside, We saw you slowly pass away
Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay.
They say time heals all sorrow, And helps us to forget
But time will never take away The love that you have left.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To our many relatives and friends who showered us with an outpouring of love and compassion, we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. As the pains of Gene's death are replaced by precious memories and loving thoughts, we ask for your continued prayers, calls, and visits. Again, many thanks and may God's richest blessings be yours.

SPECIAL LOVING THANKS

Caregivers: Esther & Curtis Lyons and Jacquelin Bell
Neighbor - Peggy Vert
Montgomery County Hospice
Upkeep of property: Joe Hallman and Howard Bell

Expressions of sympathy may be made in contributions to the Evelyn A. Hallman Scholarship Fund, 12810 Darnestown Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878.

INTERMENT

Pleasant View Historical Site
11810 Darnestown Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

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Rockville, Maryland 20850

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