

Obituary

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his, we are his people; the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

Psalm 100: 1-5

Robert L. Thames, Sr. was born in Little Rock, Mississippi on July 31, 1932 to William and Hattie Thames.

He was the fourth of nine children.

He married Barbara Jackson Thames, 6 children were born to that union. Barbara continued to show her love and devotion for Robert by being his main caregiver after his diagnosis of Alzheimer's.

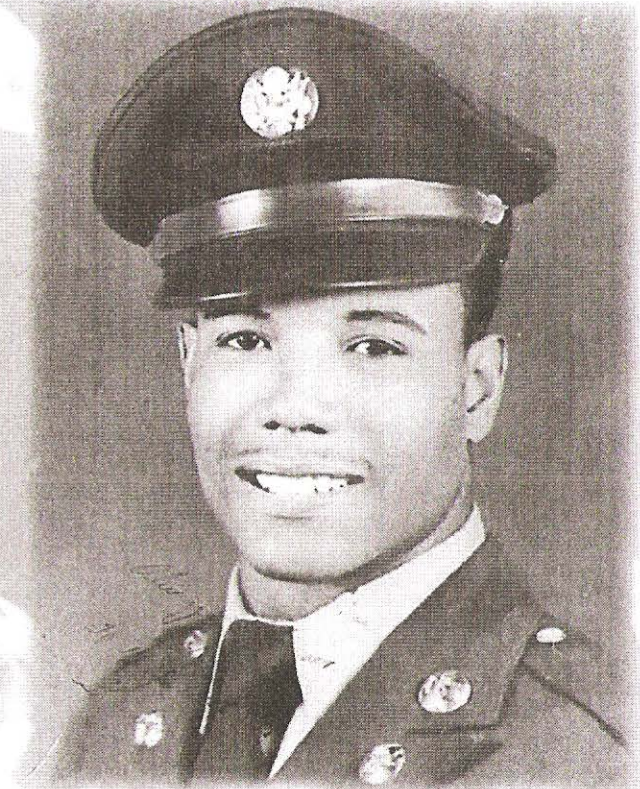
At the early age of 17 he joined the Army and became a Medic during the Korean War. He continued to serve his country retiring after 20 years.

Upon his retirement from the Military, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Accounting from University of Denver and his Master of Business Administration specializing in Information Systems from the University of Colorado.

After graduating from University of Denver he worked as an auditor for the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) for 20 years. When he completed his MBA, he taught Computer Science at Florida A&M University.

Robert was passionate about golfing. He taught himself to golf and spent as much as time as he could on golf courses around the world.

He is predeceased by his third child, Monique Thames. He is mourned by his children, Cletis Thames, Regenia Thames, Tangela Thames-Hall (Graham), Katrina Thames, Robert L. Thames, Jr. (Tanya); his 5 grandchildren; Darrell Elliott Jr. (Aryanne), Nicole Hardy-Miller (Joseph), Gabrielle Hardy, Charles Payton Hardy V, Colin Ball; his great grandchild Colin Ball, Jr.; his brothers, Jerry Thames (Berdia), Perry Thames (Lillie); and a host of nieces and nephews.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Scripture Reading:

Psalm: 100:4-5; Matthew 25:23 Gabrielle Hardy, Nicole Hardy-Miller

"His Eye is on the Sparrow" Recorded by Deniece Williams

Reflections by the Children Regenia Thames, Tangela Thames-Hall, Katrina Thames, Robert Thames, Jr.

Pastoral Message Rev. Wayne M. Benn

"Amazing Grace" Recorded by Carrie Underwood

Military Honor Salute. United States Air Force