



John Franklin Thomas

December 12, 1941 - September 14, 2022

John Franklin Thomas, beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, colleague, and friend departed this life peacefully on September 14, 2022. Born to Joshua and Magdalene Thomas, Sr. on December 12, 1941 and raised by Roy and Elsie Chase in Cambridge, MD, John graduated from Mace's Lane High School in 1961. He attended Bowie State College and graduated in 1965 with a B.A. in Elementary Education. While at Bowie State College John met the love of his life, Alease Jackson, and they married in 1965. Together they had one daughter, Joneis Thomas. John attended Morgan State University and was awarded the M.S. in Elementary Education in 1966. He was among the first Black teachers to integrate Prince George's County Public Schools. After classroom teaching for 20 years, John was promoted to an Elementary Instructional Specialist. He retired from a 30-year career in education by 1996. He enjoyed 40 years in the sport of quarter mile drag racing, where friends knew him as "Fast John." He is survived by his loving wife, Alease Thomas; daughter, Joneis Thomas (Sterling); grandchildren, Corvid and John Thomas; sister, Mary Thomas; nephews, Stuart McKnight, Eric Thomas, Byron Thomas; nieces, Leticia Thomas, Denell Thomas, Gloria Montgomery, Anissa Washington; and a host of other relatives and dear friends. Services will be held on Friday, September 30, 2022 at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church at 7806 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744. Viewing begins at 10 a.m., with the homegoing service from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Interment will follow the service at Fort Lincoln Cemetery, 3401

Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, MD 20722.

Cemetery Details

FORT LINCOLN CEMETERY

3401 BLADENSBURG RD
BRENTWOOD, MD 20722

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Ebenezer AME Church / Ft. Wash.

Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

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Tribute Wall



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January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM