

And Then The Day Came

And then the day came,
When the risk
To remain tight
In a bud
was more painful
than the risk
it took
to blossom.

-Anais Nin

Acknowledgments

The family is sincerely grateful for your many prayers, acts of kindness and support shown during this time of sorrow and bereavement.

The family would also like to give a special Thank you to Interim Hospice, Gethsemane Baptist Church, neighbors of Piney Mountain, and Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary.



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Celebrating the Life

of

Mr. Alcestis Orestes Thompson



**Saturday, October 26, 2024
11:00 A.M.**

**Watkins, Garrett and Woods Mortuary
1011 Augusta Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29605**

**Reverend Dr. John H. Corbitt, Eulogist
Retired Pastor, Springfield Baptist Church**

Order of Service

Reverend Vinson Royal, Presiding
Springfield Baptist Church, Senior Pastor

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Opening Hymn

Scriptures:

Old and New Testaments.....Bishop Samuel Zimmerman

Prayer.....Reverend Vinson Royal

Selection.....Dr. Willie Francis

Remarks.....*(Please limit to three minutes or less.)*

Margaret Parks

Ray Martin

Theodore McNeil

Poem.....Nandi, Shereesa, Jason, Micah, Jamila

Song..... *It is Well*..... Dr. Willie B. Thompson

EulogyDr. John H. Corbitt

Prayer/Committal/Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Private



Obituary

Alcestis “Al” Orestes Thompson was born August 31, 1957, in Greenville, South Carolina, a son of Betty A. Thompson and the late Irvin Thompson, Jr. He departed this life on October 13, 2024.

At an early age, Alcestis joined Springfield Baptist Church, where he served as a member of the Youth Choir and Boy Scouts of America.

Alcestis was preceded by his father, Irvin Thompson, Jr., and his brother, Jason Orlando Thompson.

Alcestis graduated from Wade Hampton School, Greenville, South Carolina, where he was a member of the wrestling team. After high school, Alcestis pursued higher education at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in architectural structural engineering.

Career endeavors included an architect in the field of Structural/Civil Engineering: Jacobs Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and a Contract Architect Engineer for various engineering firms.

He leaves to cherish many memories: his children, Shereesa Thompson, Jason Thompson, and Micah Thompson, all of Kansas City, Missouri, and Jamila Thompson and Nandi Thompson, both of Memphis, Tennessee; his brother, Irvin Jerome Thompson; two sisters, Theodora Thompson of Greenville, South Carolina, and Georgenia Thompson of Pontiac, Michigan; five grandchildren; aunts; an uncle; and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and colleagues.

