



## Jackson B. Thoms SR

August 31, 1926 - November 6, 2014

Jackson Blount Thoms, Sr. was born on August 31, 1926 in Penn Township, Pennsylvania. He was the 4th of 5 siblings from the union of the late Samuel Tilden Thoms and Louise Boyd Thoms. Jack grew up in the Homewood section of the city and attended Westinghouse High School. After high school, he joined the United States Army proudly serving his country in World War II and prior to his honorable discharge received the Army of Occupation Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Jack was united in marriage to the love of his life and best friend, Hatty Nesby on December 25, 1948. This loving union would last for 62 years and produce 3 devoted and caring sons. They raised their boys on a closeknit community of Whitaker among other family, cousins, and good friends and were actively involved in every aspect of their upbringing. Jack and his wife, Hattie, became lifelong, respected, and loved members of the area. Their political and social involvement in the life of the community truly made it a better place.

Jack, never a stranger to hard work, held 2 fulltime positions for approximately 34 years; working for Port Authority Transit and DeBolt Transfer of Homestead.

Jack was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of West Mifflin where he was actively involved in church life. He was a member of the Male Chorus, Sunday School and Bible study. One of his proudest moments was the recognition by the Allegheny Union Baptist Association in 2006, for that faithfulness and participation. He was also a member of the Rankin American Legion, Post 527.

Jack loved life. He was an avid lifelong Pittsburgh Steelers fan (attended the first 4 super bowls) and loved Nascar racing and traveling. He was an outstanding father and family man, God-fearing, gentle, and full of wisdom.

On November 6, 2014, after a long and full life, Jackson Thoms was called home to be with the Lord. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Hattie Nesby Thoms and his siblings.

He leaves to honor and cherish his memory his loving and devoted children: Jacqueline (Eric) Williams, Jackson B. (Darlene) Thoms, Jr., Leslie S. (Willina Walker) Thoms, and Craig E. Thoms; sister, Beatrice Johnson; 8 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members, his church family, and good friends too

numerous to mention. We love you, Pap.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Cemetery

Homestead, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.  
218 E. 11th Avenue  
Homestead, PA 15120  
(412) 462-6466  
lisajohnson@tuniefuneralhome.com  
<http://www.tuniefuneralhome.com/Default.aspx>

## Service

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church  
108 W 12th Avenue  
Homestead, PA

## Interment

NOV 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Homestead Cemetery  
Homestead, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson B. Thoms SR*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Jackson B. Thoms SR*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *I remember "Mr. Jack" as a young child, he knew my Aunt Bette and my mom and I always looked up to him and respected him and he always showed me love and generosity.*



*You know, as you get older, you tend to forget that everyone else gets "older" too but I never forgot "Mr. Jack" and though I rarely ever saw him, if ever, anymore, I would remember him from my youth and think about him and how he was doing.*

*I'm just now learning of his passing and just wanted to pay homage to a man that even as a toddler, I knew he was someone special!*

*God bless you and may you forever rest in His presence!*

**Kev Miller** - July 04, 2021 at 08:10 PM



“ *My name is Venessa Smith I want to send my condolences to the Thoms family regarding the recent loss of your Father, Grandfather and Uncle. As part of my ministry, I would like to share a comforting thought from the bible. The bible recognizes that death is an enemy and a sting at 1 Cor.:15:26, 55. Please gain comfort in Job 14: 14 and 15.*

*With Sympathy,  
Agape'*

**Venessa Smith** - December 24, 2014 at 07:07 PM

GD

“ Just heard the news of the passing of one of our most trusted employees who became a beloved friend. He was the rare exceptional employee who became a legend and a member of our extended family. We deeply thank him for so much that he gave us. I personally am grateful for the lessons he taught me and the assistance he rendered. He will be sorely missed, but his spirit, wisdom, sharing, and love of life will be eternal. God bless you, Jack.  
George S.T. DeBolt

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**George S.T. DeBolt** - November 29, 2014 at 04:50 PM

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“ To the Thoms family,  
  
May His comfort, His joy, and His peace be yours.  
  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
Theresa Gilchrist-Bessicks

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**Theresa Gilchrist-Bessicks** - November 12, 2014 at 08:58 AM

TJ

“ To the Thoms family:

*I was sad to hear of the passing of Jack. We go back to the mid eighties when he was drafted into the Western Pennsylvania Consortium of Branches-NAACP. I fondly recall when we all went on a cruise and Jack was so enjoyable. Always dapper, he was always cool and socially aware of the issues of the day. Sad to see him leave us but he lived a good life and now has his reward by being with God and his greatest love-- Hattie.*

*God bless you all.*

*Thomas A. Smith, Jr.  
Past President, Pennsylvania State Conference  
NAACP*



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**Thomas A. Smith, Jr.** - November 11, 2014 at 07:59 AM

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“ *The FOY Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jackson B. Thoms SR.*



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**The FOY Family** - November 10, 2014 at 12:35 PM