



Claude Thompson, Jr.

August 9, 1953 - June 13, 2020

Claude Thompson Jr. ("Junie") of Newport News, Virginia joined Heaven's shipyard of angels on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Born in Mount Olive, North Carolina on August 9, 1953, to Claude Sr. and Viola Thompson, Claude worked tirelessly in whatever assignment he was given. His place among workers who now rest with Christ has been well-earned. Baptized at an early age at Portsmouth's Third Baptist Church, Junie gave his life to Christ and began his personal journey of Christian service. He was an active youth member of his church, even winning MVP as a player on the men's softball team. In high school, his favorite subject was history. Up until the week before he passed, he often recited every word of Dr. Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech. He loved watching the news, listening to music) and singing Whitney Houston-with whom he shared a birthday! Junie loved God first, his family, the shipyard, food, music

and

money-in that exact order. Lest we forget, Junie could TALK; once you got him started, he would talk from sun up to sun Gown!

Junie proudly served and dedicated 45 years of his life-from April 1972 to April 2017

-to the Surface Preparation and Treatment Department at Newport News Shipbuilding. When Junie wasn't working tirelessly at the shipyard, he loved watching

professional boxing. His lifelong dream was to be a professional boxer. His favorite

boxers included Muhammad Ali, Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Pernell "Sweet

Pea" Whitaker.

All who were gifted with Junie's presence can attest to his genial spirit, sweet smile

and jovial sense of humor. He is loved by many. Junie is survived by his sister and

brother, Sherri Thompson and Darryl Thompson, Sr. (Helen), nieces Hannah Jones,

Adrienne Rolon (Joshua) and Nerissa Thompson, nephew, Darryl Thompson, Jr.,

(Tiffany) and a host of aunts, uncles, great meces, nephews and cousins, as well as

several friends and coworkers.

The family would be remiss if they did not especially thank all of the dedicated caregivers who helped to make Junie's last days warm and comfortable.

Thank you to

Dr. Mark T. Fleming, Dr. Maril Berniger, Dr. Kelly Byrum, Riverside Rehabilitation

Center, Dr. Sharon Petitjean, Dr. Syed Q. Kirmani, Hidenwood Retirement community,

Chiquita, and Personal Touch Hospice. Thank you also to Kay, whose thorough, kina touch and tender care helped Junie to feel especially at home. Junie was one who saw life differently than most-his perspective was different. It is said there is always "one" in every family. Junie was the "one" who kept momentos of everything. From everyone's baby pictures, to weddin~s-you name it. Whatever special occasion there was to be had, Junie was the "one" who captured and saved it all! Junie was the "one" who supported you when others gave up on you, the "one" who saw life through a different lens than most. He was designed and created with a different perception than others and because of this he was often misunderstood and judged for being himself. But he was never outwardly judgmental or critical of others. Not one to complain, he was an easygoing and patient person. May his non-judgement of others teach us to have that same perspective on life; to not be critical, but to consistently serve others and not fear what makes someone different from us. To embrace them and be open to learning valuable lessons. Although a gentle giant, he roared whenever needed for his family and friends, gave generously, and shared with others whatever he had and whatever he could. Because

He was so generous with what he had, Junie's life was a testament to living simply. As

Paul says, in this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for

the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life" (1 Timothy

6:19).

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Service

JUN 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Claude Thompson, Jr.*

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 24, 2020 at 11:22 AM

WE

To the family of Claude Thompson I offer my condolences. Claude worked for me for many years at Newport News Ship Building, my prayers are with the family, William Eason

William Eason - October 25, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Claude Thompson, Jr.*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 23, 2020 at 01:16 PM

LM

Thank God for giving Junie the life he lived. God needed someone special to be in his Courtyard and he chose our beloved Claude. Rest In Power and continue to be Powerful, Beloved.

LaVonne Mitchell - June 23, 2020 at 08:15 PM

TH

“ Sherry,
I am so sorry that I could not be there with you through this time. Please know that my heart is with you though. You have honored your brother to the highest! We are all very proud of you. Take Care. I'm here for you whenever you need me.
Tracey



Tracey Hooks - June 24, 2020 at 01:09 PM

WA

“ To The Thompson Family Extended: *It's at times like this that one's FAITH in GOD, the support of family, and friends means the most. May Gods' Grace be with each of you on today, and in the days to come.*
Peace/Love
W.A.Ratcliffe and Family

walter - June 24, 2020 at 10:51 AM

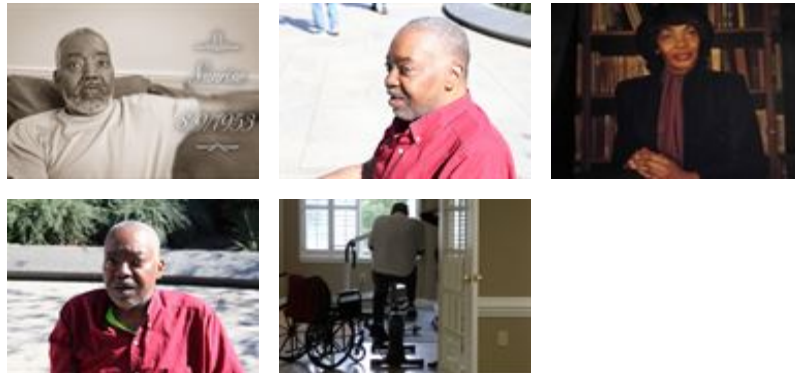
LM

“ *Praying Peace, Power and Strength during this time. I Love you Sherri. Life and Love forever* 🙌🙏🙌

LaVonne Mitchell - June 23, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ 28 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 23, 2020 at 01:10 PM

PH

“ *Phyllis Harris lit a candle in memory of Claude Thompson, Jr.*



Phyllis Harris - June 23, 2020 at 07:52 AM

BE

“ *Rest In Peace I.C. Norcom classmate of '71*

Beverly Edmonds - June 22, 2020 at 04:01 PM

LB

“ *Leigh Burton lit a candle in memory of Claude Thompson, Jr.*



Leigh Burton - June 18, 2020 at 10:15 PM