



## John T. Eley

March 7, 1935 - August 6, 2012

John Thomas Eley (aka “Thomas”) was born March 7, 1935 in Norfolk County, VA to the late Reverend Dr. John and Agnes Eley. He was predeceased by one brother, Mitchell and two sisters, Sarah Francis and Agnes Marie.

Thomas attended Norfolk County High School and entered the United States Air Force in April 22, 1953, where he obtained a General Educational Degree ( G.E. D.) He was honorably discharged November 18, 1960. Thomas was very proud to serve his country and received many awards and honors as a top athlete in basketball, softball and table tennis during his tenure.

Thomas spent most of his adult years in Washington. D.C. During his latter years, however, he enjoyed life just fellowshipping among family and neighborhood friends. Opportunities to enjoy life sometimes have to come in big packages or on a grand scale for some, but Thomas found it in a simple ride on the ferry that travelled from Portsmouth to Norfolk, meeting and greeting everyday people. He looked forward to this trip daily. Thomas will be remembered , too, as the guy who rode around in his red Dodge Neon bearing the license plate “EEL.” No one needed to guess who the driver was.

Thomas is survived by one sister, Aquila Wiggins (Melvin) of Jacksonville, FL; six brothers: Herbert of Manhattan, KS, William (Mary), Ulric (Carolyn), of Portsmouth, VA, Eulus and Richard (Pamela) of Chesapeake, VA and Reginald (Valora) of Greenwood, SC . He is also survived by his former wife, Ruth of Washington, D.C. and her four children to whom he became their surrogate father, as well as a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.



# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church  
5910 West Norfolk Road  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of John T. Eley* ”



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM