



Saunders Thomas Franklin

July 5, 1923 - February 9, 2012

Obituary

Saunders Thomas Franklin was born July 5, 1923 to the late, great W.E. & Willie G. Franklin in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was raised in a Christian home which shaped his impeccable character. S.T. as he was affectionately known was a Man of God who lived a wonderful life where his priorities were clear and unwavering. He loved the Lord, his family and his church.

After graduation from Faver High School in Guthrie, Oklahoma in 1941, he served in the United States Army as a Sergeant fighting for our freedom until 1945. He was honorably discharged and was a distinguished Double Bronze Star recipient. He returned from the service to attend college at Howard University in Washington, D.C. where he majored in electrical engineering. While pursuing his education, he was introduced to a young lady by the name of Macie L. West whom he married on September 24, 1947 in Guthrie, Oklahoma and loved her unconditionally for 64 years.

In 1950, they moved from Oklahoma City to Berkeley, California where he united with Progressive Missionary Baptist Church. S. T. was a hard working man who simultaneously worked at Mansfield Tire and Rubber Company, the United States Postal Service and did janitorial work to provide for his family. His primary career was with the U.S. Postal Service where he retired in 1985. As a member of Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, he was a faithful servant to the Lord and the community. He served as Deacon, Assistant Superintendant of the Sunday School, Chairman of the Trustee Board,

Finance Committee, Day Care Center, and was ordained to the Elder Board of this church. His love for Progressive Missionary Baptist Church was without equal as he worked tirelessly for the advancement of the church and the community. He was a man with unwavering integrity who touched the heart of everyone who was blessed to have known him.

S.T. loved to spend his spare time with his buddies at the lake fishing. He loved all sports, especially football and baseball. He was an avid San Francisco 49er fan (he loved the Giants too, but they would frustrate him a lot!) He was a great cook and would lay out some of the best food you ever ate. He loved listening to music and working in his garden. But more than anything, he loved helping people and would freely extend himself to anyone he saw that needed assistance.

Cemetery Details

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Berkeley
3301 King Street
Berkeley, CA 94703

Service

FEB 16. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

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