



## Erskine Hershel Thompson

October 4, 1947 - July 10, 2021

Erskine "Hershel" Thompson, Jr., of McDonough, GA. Born October 4th, 1947 and died July 10th, 2021. On Saturday July 10th, Hershel made his final journey home to be with his lord and savior, Jesus Christ. He was a graduate of Bessemer High School class of 1966. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was preceded in death by his father, Erskine Hershel Thompson, Sr.; his maternal grandparents, Harold "Wheeler" Fancher Sr. and Sula Fancher; and his paternal grandparents, Lemuel and Cora Thompson. Hershel is survived by his wife, Sylvia Zapanta Thompson; his mother, Wilma Fancher Thompson; two brothers, Howard Thompson of Bessemer, and Haschal Thompson (Renee) of McCalla; three children, Jennifer Thompson Whaley (Derek) of Winder GA; Kimberly Thompson Carr (Michael) of McDonough, GA; David Thompson of Mansfield GA; his six grandchildren, Colton, Traveler and Chayce Whaley of Winder GA, Austin and Ryan Hancock, Peyton Carr of McDonough GA; two step grandchildren, Rebekah Johnson (Sam) of McDonough, GA and Rachel Tanahill (Matthew) of Buford, GA; and one cousin who was like a brother, Harold Armstrong (Carla) of Trussville, AL. There will be graveside services at 10 AM on Friday, July 16, 2021 at Highland Memorial Gardens in Bessemer, AL. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to St. Jude. Bessemer Brown Service directing.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Your loving memory will never be forgotten. We love you.

Zapanta Family - September 17, 2021 at 10:44 AM

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“ We were saddened to receive the news of Hershel’s passing. Our paths crossed through square dancing. He was president of our Lads & Lassies Club for several years. We keep his family in our prayers as losing a loved one is not easy. God be with all of you.

Max and Cel - September 17, 2021 at 10:44 AM

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“ I worked with Hershel at GDOT. He and Nicole took care of my property management for 18 years when I was on a Right of Way team out of Tifton Ga. acquiring parcels. I only got to speak with him in person once a year at Forsyth Ga. when we would all come together in for training. He was a good man. I could see the light of Jesus in his eyes and hear it in his voice. He will be missed. All of his family will be in mine and my families prayers. May God bless all of you and give you comfort knowing that Hershel is in Heaven with our Savior. In Jesus Name, Keith R. McCranie

Keith Ronald McCranie - September 17, 2021 at 10:44 AM

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“ My condolences and prayers of comfort and peace to Hershel’s family. He will be greatly missed by his GDOT family.

Katrina Anderson - September 17, 2021 at 10:44 AM