



Mr. Elbert Timmes

April 6, 1926 - June 11, 2012

Mr. Elbert Timmes, 86, of 1423 W. Cimarron Drive, Peoria, IL passed away peacefully at 5:53 am Monday, June 11, 2012 at OSF ST. Francis Medical Center.

Born April 6, 1926 in Jackson, MS to the late Charley and Ophelia (Rembert) Timmes, Elbert was drafted into the United States Army in 1944, spending two years serving in WWII. Upon return, he married the late Brenda L. Davis in 1946 and attended Bradley University graduating with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business Administration specializing in Accounting. He married the late Betty Johnson in 1956.

Elbert was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and was the first black letter Carrier promoted to supervisory position in Seattle, Washington. He retired in April 1982 after 33 years of governmental service with the title, Manager of Stations and Branches in the Seattle, WA area.

Elbert Timmes spent a lifetime serving the communities he loved. He enjoyed an illustrious Masonic Career beginning in 1952 at the Henry Brown Lodge #22 in Peoria, IL and the Abiff Lodge #37 in Washington State, where he was Past Worship Master and Treasurer. In May 1986 he joined the Consistory # 67, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite receiving an Honorary 33rd degree. Elbert also devoted 54 + years to AmWay-Quixtar, Inc., when in 1968 he became the First Black Direct Distributor of AmWay in the Pacific Northwest. He continued to be a supporter of the Y.M.C.A. and a proud member of the International Y's Men Club.

Elbert lived on the Island of Kauai, Hawaii from 1995-2005. He later lived in Kennewick, WA until his return to Peoria in 2010.

Elbert leaves to cherish his most precious memories; one son, E. Charles (Valerie) Timmes of Peoria; three daughters, Joan Vannette Timmes of Seattle, WA, Patricia Diane Timmes of Chicago, IL and Janice Priscilla Marshall of Peoria; two brothers, John (Kathryn) Timmes of Peoria and Tommie A. Timmes of Atlanta, GA; two sisters, Doris (Walter) Nelson of Chicago and Ida B. (Edward) Kelley of Jackson, MS; five grandchildren, Brittany, Trenton, Alicia, Regina and Damian; twelve great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; two wives, and one son, Milton Timmes.

A Memorial service will be held at 11 am on Friday, June 15, 2012 at Bethel United Methodist Church. Visitation is one hour prior beginning at 10 am. U.S. Army Military Rites will be accorded. The Rev. Dr. Rose M. Booker-Jones will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bethel United Methodist Church Building Fund. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. On line condolences may be made through simonsmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church

210 N. Richard Pryor Pl.

Peoria, IL 61605

http://www.peoriabethelumc.org/index.php?page=About_Us&ion=welcome

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Elbert Timmes*



Simons Mortuary - June 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Elbert Timmes*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Elbert Timmes*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *The Masonic Family in the State of Washington has lost a Masonic Giant and his memory will be on perpetual record with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge. We will cherish his memory and his service forever. It is our prayer that the Prince of Peace will grant the family His peace and comfort them in this time of sorrow. Respectly submitted,*

*JAMES F TROUTT II
Past Grand Master
Grand Secretary*

James F Troutt II - June 25, 2012 at 10:16 PM

KS

“ I'd like to send my condolences to the Timmes family, my heart goes out to you. I took care of your loved one at courtyard estates, may God bless you and keep you in your time of need and comfort for your lose. May the grace of God be with you,
Kathy Straker

Kathy straker - June 20, 2012 at 04:27 PM

MG

“ The Grant Family is so sorry for your loss. We have such great memories of Elbert - our visits to he and Betty in Kauai for many Thanksgivings, his great stories when they would come to our house for dinner and his always wonderful laugh and smile. His Kennewick family misses him. Our thought and prayers are with you. We know he is in a better place.
Moe and Butch Grant

Moe Grant - June 19, 2012 at 12:28 AM

JM

“ Chuck,
Sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. Please know that you and your family are in my heart and my prayers.
God bless,
Judy Mock

Judy Mock - June 15, 2012 at 01:18 PM

RS

“ Only God can heal all grief and pain. Psalm 31:9, "Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly." God bless you all.

Rev. John H. Lee Sr.

Rev. John H. Lee Sr. - June 15, 2012 at 06:39 AM

GH

“ Chuck,
Very sorry to hear about your father's passing. From the obituary in the newspaper, it appears that he had a very full and rich life....and I'm sure he was very proud of his family. I will keep you in my thoughts.

Greg Harness

Greg Harness - June 14, 2012 at 01:32 PM

BC

Janice, Charles and Family, my prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. May God give you strength through your grief and pain, he will take care of you!

Brenda Rudd Cayson

Brenda D Cayson - June 15, 2012 at 03:18 PM