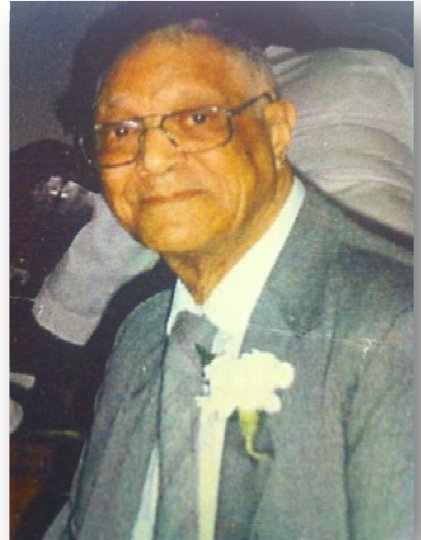


Deacon Philip Roscoe Thompson

April 15, 1909 – June 12, 2004

ill, then be tearless,
farewell to tears
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our coming years
and not to death
to life's native sky;
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nd immortality.



Obituary

Deacon Philip Roscoe Thompson was born April 15, 1909, to the late Reverend Elmer E. Thompson and Mrs. Lillian Thompson in Boston, Massachusetts. He grew up in West Medford, Massachusetts, and graduated from the city's public school system.

At an early age he began a part-time job delivering newspapers. He later went on to begin a career with United States Postal Service in the late 1920s, delivering special delivery mail on a bicycle in West Medford. It was during this time with postal service that he was drafted into World War II. His Infantry was the 366th at Fort Devlin, Massachusetts. Deacon Thompson was also stationed in Italy and North Africa.

After the war, Deacon Thompson resumed his employment with the postal service in West Medford. It was on one of his mail routes that he then met and later married Arlene Bowling. They had one son, Stanley R. Thompson. Deacon Thompson's work later took him to South Postal Annex in Boston where he worked, for many years, and then to Roslindale Square where he retired. After retirement, Deacon Thompson then went to work for Morse Shoe Company in Canton, Massachusetts, for five years but maintained his membership in the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC). He was a dues paying member of the organization for more than 50 years and was recognized with a Gold Card membership. At his death, he was one of the oldest members of NALC.

Deacon Thompson joined Metropolitan Baptist Church in Dorchester, Massachusetts in the early 60s. He later became chairman of the Diaconate Board as well as an usher, member of the senior choir, president of the brotherhood, custodian, superintendent of Sunday School, Sunday teacher, member of the Naomi Missionary Society, and the Missionary Choir. Deacon Thompson found great joy and innate satisfaction in doing church work.

He was preceded in death by a brother Major Theodore N. Thompson and two sister Irma Diggs and Bartelsa Thompson. In addition to his wife and son, he leaves to church his memory a host of other relatives and friends.

The Family