



In Loving Memory of

Arthur Lee Sessom

Born

July 23, 1914

Herman, Arkansas

Died

April 5, 1999

Mesa, Arizona

Bunker Family Funeral Homes

Mesa, Arizona

Obituary

Arthur Lee Sessom completed life on this earth Monday evening, April 5, 1999, at Mesa Lutheran Hospital in Mesa, Arizona. His life began in Herman, Arkansas on July 23, 1914. Arthur was an only child from the union of Luvenia Curley and Guy Williams and reared by his grandparents, Pearl and John Sessom in East St Louis, Illinois where he received his formal education, graduating from Lincoln High School. He remained a resident of East St. Louis, Illinois until February 1998, when he and his wife moved to Mesa, Arizona.

Arthur met Minnie Lee McDonald at Lincoln High School and they were united in marriage on March 1938 - a marriage of 61 years. Together they reared two daughters.

Arthur retired from Illinois Bell Telephone Company in 1979 after completing 42 years of service without missing a day. After his retirement he served as president of the local chapter of Pioneer of America for two years. He also served on the zoning board of Centreville, Illinois. When not working, he enjoyed golfing and bowling. He was a charter member of the Gill Harris Bowling League.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie Lee Sessom; two daughters; Dr. Audrey Guydon and Mrs. Marjorie Johnson; one son-in-law, Mr. Delbert W. Johnson; two grandsons: Mr. Arthur W. Johnson (Pashell) of Minnesota and Mr. Delbert P. Johnson of Minnesota; two great-grandsons: Zachary and Jeremy Johnson of Minnesota; one brother-in-law; Dr. Walter E. McDonald (Sylvia) of Arizona; one sister-in-law: Mrs. Ruthie McDonald of Illinois; one aunt: Mrs. Dorothy Brooks of Missouri; five nieces: Ms. Maya Baker and Mrs. Gemma Moore of Michigan, Dr. Mecca McDonald of Missouri, Mrs. Kathy Jones (Johnny) of California and Sylvia McDonald II of Florida; two nephews: Mr. Walter E. McDonald, Jr. (DeEtta) of Indiana, Mr. Kevin McDonald of Colorado; two cousins; Mr. James W. McDonald (Frances) of Arizona and Mr. Lawrence McDonald (Beverly) of Illinois. He leaves a host of other relatives and special friends.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Saturday, April 10, 1999 at 10:30 A.M.
Royal Palms Retirement Villa
1825 North Stapley
Mesa, Arizona

MUSICAL PRELUDE Sister Cheryl Garrison

OPENING HYMN #393..... "Precious Lord"

PRAYER OF COMFORT..... Brother James McDonald

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Psalm 23

MUSICAL SELECTION..... "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

ACKNOWLEDGMENT..... Brother Delbert W. Johnson

TRIBUTES..... Sister Jean Booker
Sister Karen Williams
Sister Della Marie Wright

OBITUARY..... Read in Silence

SOLO..... "How Great Thou Art"
Reverend Don Holliday

EULOGY..... Reverend Benjamin N. Thomas, Sr.
Tanner Chapel AME Church
Phoenix, Arizona

BENEDICTION