



**Saluting Our Living Hero**

*Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation  
Vance Thompson  
93 years*

**In Memoriam**

**John Arch Thompson Line**



**James Thompson**  
*d. December 14, 2023*



**Cynthia Anita Thompson**  
*(Wife of Jimmie Lee Thompson)  
d. February 5, 2024*

**George Wesley Thompson Line**



**Zelma Crisp Minor**  
*d. December 14, 2023*

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## Welcome to our 79<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion

Please take a moment and read about your family.



### Graduates

**(College)**

#### Walter Thompson Line

- **Malia Ross** graduated from Southern California University, Huntington Beach, CA, with a Master of Science Degree in Medical Science. She will be applying for medical school. She is the daughter of Tamaria and Clarence Day and the granddaughter of Virginia and Walter Ross.

#### James Baxter Thompson Line

- **Brook Ann Curry** graduated from Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC. She is the daughter of Jerry Stanley Thompson and Beverly Curry.
- **Jordan Stanfield** graduated from Clemson University, Clemson, SC. She is the daughter of Darrell and Vanessa B. Stanfield.

#### Sidney Thompson Line

- **Wendell Sterling Alsbrooks** (Trey) graduated from Elon University, Elon, NC, with a BA degree in Business/Sports Management. He plans to attend graduate school at Butler University in Indianapolis, IN, in the MBA program and play on the football team. He is the son of Wendell and Pamela Alsbrooks and grandson of Tony and Clara Foriest.



**(High School)**

#### Jacob Arthur Thompson Line

- **Jordan Cierra Sands** graduated from Cornwall Central High School, New Windsor, NY. She will attend Pace University in New York. She is the daughter of David Sands Jr. and Pia Sands and granddaughter of David Sands Sr. and Dorothy Sands.
- **Adrianna Taborn** graduated from Durham School of Technology at Hillside High School, Durham, NC. She is the daughter of Keywana Atkins and Antowon Taborn and granddaughter of Sheila Atkins Lyons.

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## Graduates

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### James Baxter Thompson Line

Joshua Stanfield graduated from Clover High School, Clover, SC, in May 2024. He plans to attend Clemson University, Clemson, SC, to study Biology Science to become an MD. He is the son of Darrell and Vanessa B. Stanfield.

### George Wesley Thompson Line



Ayanna Monae Hines graduated from Eastern Alamance High School,

Mebane, NC. She plans to attend Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, NC. She is the daughter of Erin Torain, granddaughter of Nell Leath, and guardian Ann Torain,



## New Thompsons

### Jacob Arthur Thompson Line

Cameron Anthony Sands was born on February 20, 2024, to Christopher and Krystle Sands. Grandparents Dorothy and David Sands Sr.

### James Baxter Thompson Line

Novah McNeil was born in April 2024 to Alisha and Gerrod McNeil. Grandfather Jerry Thompson.

### Walter Thompson Line

Kriselle Willingham was born on June 15, 2023, to Takia and Justyn Willingham. Grandparent Virginia Ross.



### Sidney Thompson Line



Raquel Foriest obtained her law degree from NCCU Law School, Durham, NC, and was sworn in on April 26, 2024, in Winston-Salem, NC. She is the daughter of Tony and Clara Foriest.

Christina Foriest graduated to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Hanes Magnet Middle

School in Winston-Salem, NC. She is the daughter of Raquel Foriest, granddaughter of Tony and Clara Foriest.



### George Wesley Thompson Line

Zandie DeBerry, 18, studied abroad in London with her Honors Cohort on May 7-27, 2024, and stayed in Halaxton Manor to learn about history. She is the daughter of Corey and Leslie DeBerry, the granddaughter of Alphonso and Martha T. Fowler, and the great granddaughter of the late Bluford and the late Marie Thompson.

Aaliyah Fowler, 18, went to Ghana in West Africa on March 9-17, 2024, with the HBCU Green Fund to learn about culture and sustainability abroad. She is the daughter of Latoya Fowler and James Stanek, the granddaughter of Alphonso and Martha T. Fowler, and the great granddaughter of the late Bluford and the late Marie Thompson.

Tabitha Renee Nelson was promoted to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade with A/B Honor Roll. She is the daughter of Scott and Armena Nelson, granddaughter of Winston and Mary T. Villines and the great granddaughter of the late Bluford and the late Marie Thompson.

June Martin Thompson, served as chair of the National Organization of Blacks in Dietetics and Nutrition (NOBIDAN) from June 2022 until June 2023. She went to Los Angeles, CA, to the National Kidney Foundation convention, where she received the Recognized Renal Dietitian Award. She is married to Tony L. Thompson, who is son of the late Bluford and the late Marie Thompson.



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## Weddings

### Jacob Arthur

#### Thompson Line

James and Stephanie Oliver Cox were married on January 14, 2024. The bride's parents are Dawn and Everette Oliver. Grandparents David Sands Sr. and Dorothy Sands.

### George Wesley

#### Thompson Line

#### Trenton and Ayanna

Nelson were married Saturday, January 6, 2024. His parents are Scottie and Armena Nelson. Grandparents Winston and Mary Villines.

### *In Memoriam*

#### George Wesley Thompson Line



Norris Woodie Crisp  
d. July 12, 2023



Tara Leatrice Worth  
d. November 6, 2023

## ACHIEVEMENTS (continued)

Sarah Nahar entered a PhD program to obtain one joint degree in Religion and Environmental Studies. During COVID, the neighboring institutions of Syracuse University and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry severed ties, causing one degree now to become two. We want to recognize her for taking two sets of comprehensive exams and passing both with distinction. She is now working on two dissertations. Jonathan Nahar teamed up with other Christians to found an organization called Christians for a Free Palestine. There is a website with the same name for those who are interested. He is married to Sarah Nahar, the daughter of George and Karen Thompson and granddaughter of the late George W. Thompson and the late Ira Belle Thompson.

Wayne and Allie Bynum were ordained as Elders on June 2, 2024, at World Overcomers Christian Church in Durham, NC. Wayne Bynum was also honored by the Hillsborough community in April 2024 as a member of the 1969 Orange High School State Championship basketball team. That team, comprised mostly of black players from Central High School that closed the previous year because of desegregation, was credited with easing the unrest that followed the integration of Central's black students into Orange High. The celebration was prompted by viewing of the documentary, "The Closing of School," written and produced by Dr. Iris Thompson Chapman. Wayne is married to Allie T. Bynum, the daughter of the late George W. Thompson and the late Ira Belle Thompson.



Members of the Covington family in Charlotte (NC) received several honors during 2023-24. Calvin Covington completed Den Leader requirements for Cub Scouts to transition to Boy Scouts. Andrea Covington was promoted to Senior Compliance Manager at Wells Fargo Bank. Cameron Covington won the First Tee Golf Tournament in the 9-10 age group. He graduated from elementary school and will go to middle school next year. Ayden Covington won first place medals in the 100m, 200m, and 400m races with the Charlotte Flight Track Club. Andrea is the daughter of Rosa and Reginald McAfee and granddaughter of the late George W. Thompson and the late Ira Belle Thompson.



Adrainne R. Thompson will celebrate the operation of her PriceLess Thrift shop for three years on June 14, 2024, from 4-7 pm at 2322 N. Church Street, Unit E, Burlington, NC. She is the daughter of the late George Wynder and the late Ira Belle Thompson.

Loretta T. Wynder received a certificate of commendation on April 9, 2024, from NC Attorney General Josh Stein for her work to end the backlog of sexual assault kits. Stein made the announcement in April and thanked Loretta and others whose work protected people in the state and helped to promote justice. She is the daughter of the late George W. Thompson and the late Ira Belle Thompson.