

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt London was born February 9, 1929, in Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia to the parentage of the late Mr. Jesse London and the late Mrs. Annie Watkins London. It was on March 20, 2024, that Mr. London entered the gates of heaven and joined his Lord and Savior. He wore many hats, including, but not limited to, that of veteran, educator, deacon, community leader, and family man.

Mr. London was educated in the public schools of Thomas County, where he received a football scholarship to attend Albany State College. While there, he was drafted in the United States Army and served his country from 1950 to 1952. Upon returning to college, in 1954, he completed a degree in mathematics and was initiated as a member of the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. He would later attend Atlanta University, where he completed a Master of Education degree.

Much happened at Albany State College, for it was there that he met the woman of his dreams, Ms. Annie Lee Lurry who would become his wife of over 60 years and mother of his children. The London family took up residence in the city of Americus, Georgia, where he was offered his first teaching assignment.

Upon graduating from Albany State College in 1954, Mr. London began his long and passionate educational career in the Sumter County School System. He was offered a teaching position at the Welcome School, where he worked in that capacity from 1954 to 1957. In 1958, Mr. London moved from the Welcome School to Northeast Elementary School, where he taught sixth grade math for the first few years and then served as principal in 1985. The Americus City Schools merged with Sumter County Schools in 1995 to become one district. It was then that Mr. London was asked to move to the Sumter County Middle School to serve as Assistant Principal and lead administrator for the fifth grade. He served at the Sumter County Middle School from 1995 to 1997. In the 43 years that he served as an educator in Sumter County, Mr. London was a model of professionalism. As far as records show, he was absent only 14 days in his entire career!

Mr. London was a life member of the American Legion, a leader in the community, a role model, and a devout Christian. He was a God-fearing man who was a member of Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church, where he served on the Deacon Board and for many years, he served as treasure of the church.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his son, Barnett London.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, Mr. Calvin (Linda) London, Warner Robins, GA and Mr. Adrian London, Americus, GA; two daughters, Ms. Sylvia London-Ward, Warner Robins, GA and Ms. Alva London, Americus, GA; a daughter-in-law, Ms. Geraldine London, Powder Springs, GA; eight grandchildren: Antonio London, Naikeshea Moore, Monique (Eric) Goldbach, Ceola London, Victoria London, Lester (Veronica) Ward, Nathan (Tina) Ward and Bryan (Eriel) Hollis; nine great grandchildren: Jasmine (Johnathan) Young, Ryan Moore, Joshua Ward, Jordan Ward, Jonah Ward, Journey Ward, Christopher Freeman, Niomi Ward and Andre Ward; a host of nieces, including a devoted niece, Ms. Doris Hancock; nephews, including a devoted nephew, Mr. Gerald Jones; cousins, including a devoted cousin, Ms. Lillie Ruth Burns; a goddaughter, Ms. Kim Petty; other relatives and friends also survive.