



Ponce De Leon "Pons" Tidwell Sr.

March 31, 1935 - June 14, 2019

Ponce De Leon Tidwell Sr. 84 of Passaic returned to Gods loving arms after a peaceful transition on June 14th in Hackensack University Medical Center.

Born in N.Carolina he resided in Passaic since 1963. Mr. Tidwell was a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University with a B.S. degree in Architectural Engineering. He worked as a structural and civil engineer.

Mr. Tidwell was the 1st Black engineer to work for the Turner and Austin Construction Companies and he helped construct the engineering phase of the Vivian Beaumont Theater at Lincoln Center of NYC

He was a Federal employee for over 30 years with the Army Corp of Engineers and EPA

He was a Air Force Veteran serving from 1955-1958

Mr. Tidwell was a life member of the NAACP, the N.C. A.&T. S.U. Alumni Chapter,

a life member of the DAV, (Disabled American Veterans)a member of the American Legion of Clifton

the Silver Star Lodge of Passaic, several engineering organizations,

a former member of the Passaic Planning Board for many years and a contributor to many local churches

Mr. Tidwell his wife and college sweet heart the former Marva (Whitley) participated in the Greensboro N.C.

1960" sit in" started by his four class mates to integrate the Woolworth Lunch Counter.

Mr Tidwell was a jazz musician playing the trumpet and piano since high school...

He and Marva eloped while students at college and have been together for 60 years.

He is survived by :

his wife

Marva Tidwell of Passaic

1 daughter

Stephanie Tidwell of Vaux Hall, N.J

1 Son

Ponce de Leon Jr. Indianapolis, Indiana

3 grands Kendal, Ponce III and Joshua
other relatives and friends

He was predeceased by

his parents

5 brothers

3 sisters

1 daughter

Lorena Miranda 1967

Tribute Wall



“ *Ponce De Leon "Pons" Tidwell Sr.*

November 27, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *To the Tidwell Family, Please accept my deepest condolences, on the passing of Ponce. He was a longtime friend, mentor and the "go to person" for so many answers to difficult questions. His support and contributions to the Passaic Veterans is legendary. It is an infinitely better world because he passed through it! May He Always Rest In Eternal Peace!*

Mark S. Auerbach - June 27, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ *Stephenie, Ponce and Mrs Tidwell, Sorry for your loss. Mr. Tidwell was an amazing man! My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love Steph Adams*

Stephanie Adams - June 26, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ *We never forgot how Mr. Tidwell made us feel loved. May God grant you love and peace that passes all understanding. AGGIE FAMILY*

Reginald Powe - June 25, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ *To the Tidwell Family, Our warmest condolences as you morn the passing your husband, father and grandfather, Ponce Tidwell, Sr. He will be missed!!!*

Walter & Marilyn Andrews - June 25, 2019 at 02:23 PM

MJ

“ To Marda Tidwell and Family. Let those good memories play over and over in your heart. With sincere sympathy.

Mary Jacobs - June 25, 2019 at 10:34 AM

HS

“ With heartfelt condolences,

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - June 24, 2019 at 06:43 PM

AC

“ May God keep each of you. From Wallace relatives in SC.

Annie G. Crosby - June 23, 2019 at 04:21 PM

YB

“ I want to extend my most sincere condolences to the Tidwell family. He was truly a man of noble qualities. May his journey to heaven give you peace and comfort. With sympathy and prayers, Yvonne Littlejohn

Yvonne Barber-Littlejohn - June 21, 2019 at 10:16 AM

DC

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Cousin Ponce. We always looked forward to hearing from him and appreciate him keeping in contact with his Wallace cousins here in South Carolina. He was a wealth of knowledge on our family history and members. May God Keep each of you. Regards, Cousin Annie Crosby and Family

David Crosby - June 20, 2019 at 04:06 PM