



## Mr. Theophilus M. Abner Sr.

July 26, 1954 - March 29, 2019

Theophilus M. Abner Sr. best known as “Boo-Nanny” or “Theo” was born on July 26, 1954 in Atmore, Alabama to Ceola Hicks (Thomas) of Hampton, Virginia, and Jimmy Lee Sr. of Atmore, Alabama, and stepmother, Odessa Lee of Atmore, Alabama. Theophilus departed this earth on Friday, March 29, 2019 in Hampton, Virginia.

Theophilus attended Escambia County High School in 1974, and joined the United States Army. Theophilus became a proud Vietnam Veteran. In 1977, Theophilus met the love of his life, Emma Abner. Theophilus and Emma had a loving and adventurous marriage for over 20 years. Theophilus and Emma would go on to bear four children; Tarkeishia Abner of Newport News, Virginia, Theophilus Abner Jr. (Latanya) of Cameron, North Carolina, Carlos Abner of Newport News, Virginia, and Deidre Abner of Newport News, Virginia.

Theophilus adored his two eldest brothers: Cal Abner and Hal Abner.

Theophilus is survived by as host of grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, three of whom preceded him in death, his mother (Ceola Hicks), and sister (Mary “Smokey” Abner), and a host of nieces and nephews.

Theophilus became stationary in Virginia in the late 2000’s, where he would reunite with family and friends. Theophilus later joined Zion Baptist Church, and was a faithful member until his death.

His memories will be cherished by his children and siblings; Cal Abner (Ella), Hal Abner (Beverly), Linda Evans (Dexter), Terri Palmer (Hal), Bertha Ann Fox, Coretta Evans, Chantae Goodwin, Robert "Pee wee" Evans (Phyllis), Alvin Evans, Gary Evans (Keisha), Gloria (Johnnie Jones), Bertha Knott, Kathy (Louis) English, Jr. of Atmore, Alabama, Delois (Steven) Johnson, and aunts; Vonceil Lee of Clearwater, Florida, Dorothy Lee Lula (Leroy) Knight, Dorothy McMillian, and Novella Johnson of Atmore, Alabama.

Please join us in comforting the Abner family by offering your thoughts and prayers.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 4. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home  
2117 Madison Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607  
(757) 245-3302  
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## Funeral Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Baptist Church  
633 20th Street  
Newport News, VA 23607

# Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Theophilus M. Abner Sr.*



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**M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 04, 2019 at 05:28 PM

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**BETTY Harris** - April 07, 2019 at 04:09 PM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Theophilus M. Abner Sr..*



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April 03, 2019 at 11:41 PM



“ 38 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - April 03, 2019 at 10:22 AM

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“ I would like to give you hope about your unexpected loss. The Bible at John 11:11-15 and 39-44, it reminds us that every good gift and every perfect present is from above. Even the gift of life, that God has the power to restore; Especially when it concerns our dead loved ones.

Joyce B. - March 30, 2019 at 01:58 PM

PE

“ I thank God for the few moments that we were able to spend together, at the end, and you knew that I loved you. I thank God that you are free from pain and whole again. We were my big brother and I will miss you.



PeeWee (Phyllis) Evans - March 29, 2019 at 10:13 PM

HM

“ *It Is With GREAT Regret To Hear Of Your Loss.  
May GOD Sustain Your Family Through Even This, As He Has  
Promised With Comfort And Strength.  
Much Love And Prayers Are Being Sent You Way.  
Be Blessed Now And Forever More.*

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**Henry Mitchell** - March 29, 2019 at 01:46 PM