



## Irvin W Morgan Sr

September 19, 2019

Irvin W. Morgan, Sr., peacefully entered heaven's gates on Thursday, September 19, 2019. He passed at home in New Orleans after a lengthy battle with cancer. Born June 29, 1921 in New Orleans, LA, he was the eldest of four children of the union of Joseph E. Morgan and Mary Johnson Morgan. He attended James Hoffman on Third and Claiborne. February 1943 he enlisted in the US Army where he served with Company A 1898 Engineer Aviation Battalion as a surveyor and a supply clerk. After WWII he attended Tri-State School of Industrial Arts on Erato Street to become a barber and tailor using his GI Benefits. After tailoring school he attended Straights Business School. He was a barber at Family Barber Shop owned by his brother in law. He married Ethel Batiste of Lacombe, LA on February 23, 1946. To that union five children were born. In 1949 he and his wife Ethel, a master seamstress, started Morgan's Alterations Shop at 2300 St. Louis St. adjoining the barbershop. They provided quality tuxedo rentals, custom made suits, alterations and later sold clergy and choir robes for over 65 years. He later attended and graduated from Union Theological Seminary of New Orleans where he earned both his Certificate in Missions and his Bachelors of Theology. He gave his life to Christ at the age of forty and was baptized at the Nazareth B.C. under the leadership of Rev. Creecy. He served in the choir, Sunday school, deacon, trustee until he was called into the ministry and was ordained by the Mount Zion Association in Mandeville, LA under the leadership of Rev. Leo Edgerson, Sr. He pastored Providence B. C. of

Bonfaca, La and Founded Saints Rest B.C. He served as interim pastor of Nazareth B.C. and Goodwater B.C. and worked with First Free Mission B.C. of Mandeville, LA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary Johnson Morgan, his wife of 72 years Ethel Batiste Morgan, his two daughters, Cynthia (John) Bason, Sylvia (Isaac) Tillman, one son, Oren, one grandson LCpl Hugh Jackson two daughter-in-law's June Elloie Morgan and Annette Hardy Morgan. He was also preceded in death by all his siblings and their spouses; three sisters Josephine (Cass) Guzman, Clara (Oscar) Nathan, Irma (Leon) Cavalier, two brothers Joseph (Estelle) Morgan and Robert (Alice) Morgan. He is survived by one son, Irvin W Morgan Jr. of Boston, Ma and one daughter Phyliss M Spragin (Ore) of Trussville, AL. Four grandchildren Geneen Richard, Jennifer Bason, Dominique Solomon and Jamal Morgan. Seven great grandchildren, Kaya Foster, John Bason, Demetrius Solomon, Dinah Solomon, Adrian Jackson, Joshua and Kaleb Coffee and one great-great grandson, Amaad Coffee, and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, relatives and friends.

Relatives and friends of the family, also employees of Company A 1898 Engineer Aviation Battalion, also pastors, officers, and members of Nazareth Baptist Church are invited to attend a Funeral Service at Nazareth Baptist Church, 9108 Pritchard Place, New Orleans, La 70118. Wake Friday, September 27, 2019 at 7:00p.m. Visitation will begin Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 9:00am- 10:00am. Funeral Service will begin Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Burial Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, Slidell, LA at 10:00 a.m. Arrangement by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave.

# Cemetery Details

## Southeast LA Veterans Cemetery

Slidell, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nazareth Baptist Church  
9108 Prichard Place  
New Orleans, LA 70118  
(504) 482-9765

## Wake

SEP 27. 7:00 PM (CT)

Nazareth Baptist Church  
9108 Pritchard Place  
New Orleans, LA 70118

## Visitation

SEP 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Nazareth Baptist Church  
9108 Pritchard Place  
New Orleans, LA 70118

## Service

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SEP 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Nazareth Baptist Church  
9108 Pritchard Place  
New Orleans, LA 70118

## Burial

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OCT 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Southeast LA Veterans Cemetery  
Slidell, LA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maxine Martin lit a candle in memory of Irvin W Morgan Sr*



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**Maxine Martin** - October 06, 2019 at 01:15 AM



“ *Irvin and Phyllis I am extremely saddened by the passing of your father. He was a great person who was willing to share his time and money to finance several baseball and basketball teams for underprivileged kids. May the name of Morgan's Tux continue to be remembered throughout the community. Jo Ann and I were wondering how he was when I was informed of his passing. Take comfort in knowing that he was well loved and admired by many.*

*Herman C. Gray*

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**Herman C. Gray** - September 28, 2019 at 12:23 AM



“ *Kathy Heileman lit a candle in memory of Irvin W Morgan Sr*



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**Kathy Heileman** - September 27, 2019 at 04:04 PM