



## Paul L. Thompson

February 3, 1935 - July 30, 2018

Dr. Paul L. Thompson, a native of Muncie, Indiana, died on Monday, July 30, 2018. He is survived by five brothers: Harold Dollison of Muncie, Indiana, Stanley Dollison and Solomon Dollison of Oklahoma City, David Dollison of Alameda, California, and Michael Dollison of Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Thompson taught at Virginia State University for 28 years – 17 of those as Chairman of the Department of Languages and Literature. He retired from VSU in 2000 as Professor Emeritus. Dr. Thompson earned the B.A. degree in Political Science from Morehouse College, the M.A. from the University of Illinois in French and the Ph.D. in French from The Pennsylvania State University.

In his academic pursuit of knowledge about the “black diaspora”, Dr. Thompson traveled and studied extensively in Brazil and studied at the following institutions: the University of Paris, the American University in Cairo, the University of Guiana, the University of the West Indies (Mona) and the University of Haiti. All funeral services will be private. Dr. Thompson will be cremated and ashes released in the Caribbean Sea. Condolences may be registered at [www.jtmorriss.com](http://www.jtmorriss.com).

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“ August 20, 2018

To the Thompson Family:

On behalf of the Virginia State University (VSU) Board of Visitors, administration, faculty, and staff we extend our sincere condolence on the passing of Dr. Paul Thompson. During this time of sorrow, please know that your family are in the thoughts and prayers of the VSU community.

Dr. Thompson was a dedicated and hard worker at VSU, serving the Language and Literature Arts Department with diligence and commitment for over 25 years. His leadership accompanied with integrity will never be forgotten.

An author once said, “Remember me with smiles and laughter, for that is how I will remember you all.” In this time of grief and sorrow, reflect upon the love and laughter each of you shared with Dr. Thompson. May God’s love sustain all of you as you face the challenging days ahead. Take comfort in knowing that his epitaph was written in Heaven on the day of his birth.

During this time of bereavement, treasure the numerous calls and expressions of love and support received as living testaments of his legacy. God bless.

Sincerely,

Makola M. Abdullah, Ph.D.  
President

**Danette Johnson** - August 20, 2018 at 01:43 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Professeur Thompson. He was truly a gifted and dedicated educator. I will always be grateful for his kind assistance when I was a student at VSU some 30 odd years ago. Repose en paix mon Professeur.

Scott Farber Davis  
Dinwiddie, Virginia

**S. Farber Davis** - August 04, 2018 at 02:40 AM

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I Am Special



**Thomas Widgeon** - August 02, 2018 at 04:20 PM