

# Obituary

**DAVID ALBERT LEE, SR.** was born on July 17, 1924 in Barnwell, South Carolina. He was the son of the late James and Estelle (Johnson) Lee. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Mamie Lee Sharperson and one grandson, David A. Lee, III, who now rests in Arlington National Cemetery. After a lengthy illness, David, Sr. departed this world for Heaven on June 24, 2015.

David was an honorable and devoted man who served his God, his family, and his country well. He sacrificed and persevered over numerous adversities, providing great support and an even greater faith to his family.

On April 21, 1943, at the young age of 19, he joined the United States Marine Corps, where he served his country honorably for three years. He was stationed at Montford Point Camp, Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, where he played the trumpet as a bandsman and rose to the rank of corporal. As a result of the racial adversity he and many African American Marines endured and persevered through at Camp Lejeune, he was hailed as one of the original Montford Point Marines, the first African-American Marines to serve in the United States Marine Corps. As a result of his courage and commitment, he received a Certificate of Honorable and Satisfactory Service in World War II, and then on June 1, 1946, he received an honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps. Little did he know that years later, in June of 2013, he along with other surviving Montford Point veterans would be honored with the Congressional Gold Medal for their valiant service.