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James Edward Christopher was born in Minneapolis, on Jan. 2, 1926. Christopher is preceded in death by his parents; George and Bertha Christopher, his four siblings George Christopher, Jr., Florence Christopher, Rosemary Christopher, Ernest Christopher and his stepson Joseph Simmons.

A high school football star, Christopher was a graduate of Minneapolis Vocational High School and in 1943 he became co-captain of his football team.

Christopher attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. and in 1944 entered the armed services, receiving an honorable discharge in 1946.

Christopher was formerly married to Earlene Christopher who preceded him in death. He was married to Doris Slaughter Christopher, who he married on June 2, 2001.

A member of Living Spirit United Methodist Church, he was an active participant for several years before his transition.

Christopher retired from the Minneapolis Post Office in 1983. After retirement, he worked as co-owner of C&L Landscaping Services located in South Minneapolis. He loved gardening in his spare time and cultivated a variety of vegetables to share with friends and neighbors.

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Active in community affairs; Christopher was a member of Park Elder Senior Center Breakfast Club, the U-Meet-Us Club at Sabathani Community Center, AARP Chapter 5203, the Building Bridges Committee, Building Bridges Book Club and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Advisory Council. He also attended many community forums and was a former volunteer with the Minnesota Historical Society.

Christopher passed away March 28 in Minneapolis at the age of 87. He leaves to mourn his loving wife, and a host of stepchildren; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.