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OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Private Roy James Edmondson, Sr.

May 28, 1918 - January 30, 2018

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of an American hero and original Montford Point Marine Roy j. Edmonson Sr, who passed away on January 30, 2018.

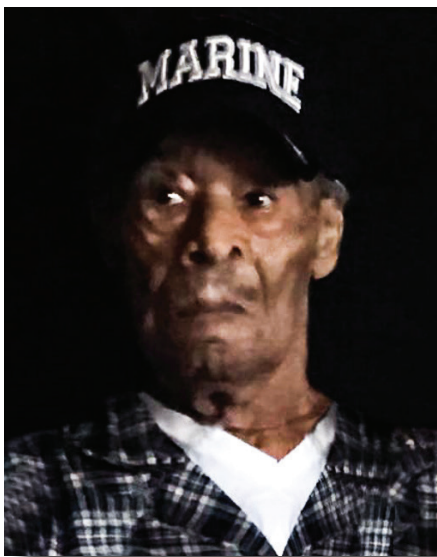
Roy James Edmondson Sr. was born in Chattanooga, TN on May 28, 1918 to the late Jefferson and Lula Edmondson. He is the only living child of Jefferson and Lula of his four siblings, Edward, Lilian, Robert, and Mattie all are deceased.

He had two (2) sons Roy Junior, Richard, and one (1) daughter Marin all deceased.

From his children he has, (16) sixteen grandchildren, over fifty (50) greatgrandchildren, and at least twenty-five (25) great-great-grandchildren and a combined total of nine (9) nieces and nephews from his sisters and brothers.

He worked for the Chicago Board of Education for over 30 years and retired in the late seventies.

He enlisted as a Pvt. at the age of twenty-six (26) in the United State Marine Corps in 1944. His first duty station in the United State Marine Corps was Montford Point, Camp Jacksonville, NC where colored (African American) Marines were trained in the segregate Corps at that time.



He eventually receiving his honorable discharged before the end of World War II in 1945 at Camp Lejeune, NC.

The Montford Pointers were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by the US Congress on 27 June 2012.

Although his family was notified of the Congressional Gold Medal late, the Chicago Chapter presented this award to him and his family on December 16th, 2017 by the Central

Region Vice President and Chicago Chapter President, Sharon Stokes-Parry

Home going services will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

Golden Gate Funeral Home
79th & Seeley Wake-10am-11am
Funeral-11am-12pm

Burial to follow at Lincoln Cemetery 123rd & Kedzie

Repast Following Burial

