

# 2011 Hall of Fame Inductee

## **Tyrone Leon Thompson**

*Class of 1982*

*Awarded posthumously*

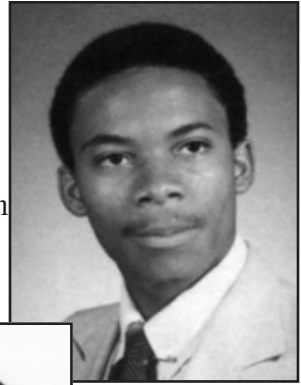
Son of African-American political pioneer Betty L. Thompson, the late Tyrone Thompson graduated from University City High School in 1982. He earned a bachelor's degree from Lincoln University in Illinois and was awarded a posthumous bachelor of arts degree in management from Webster University in June 2010.

Following 18 years as a street officer and detective on the University City Police Department, he retired in 2001 as Police Chief for the Pagedale department. He served

on the major case squad of the St. Louis County Police and was an investigator for the Missouri Attorney General's Office. He was vice president of Kwame Building Group, the family business.

He served on the board of directors for the Black Repertory Theatre in St. Louis and Community Women Against Hardship. During his time as a police officer and chief, he had the opportunity to touch the lives of troubled teens and help them change directions. With non-violence as a focus for his life, he served as president of the St. Louis Martin Luther King Non-Violence Youth Support Group and mentored students at Mel Carnahan High School of the Future through the Gentlemen's Club for several years. He was even developing a mentorship program through his alma mater, University City High School.

The Kwame Foundation established the Tyrone Thompson Institute for Nonviolence in his memory in 2011.



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