

Homegoing Service for



Sunrise

January 26, 1924

Sunset

September 6, 2010

Thomas Lloyd Stevenson

Service

Monday, September 13, 2010 - 11: a.m.

ST. MARK A.M.E. CHURCH

34 High Street

Cranford, New Jersey

Rev. Steven E. Bryant, Jr., Pastor

Obituary

Thomas Lloyd Stevenson was born on January 26, 1924 in Cranford, New Jersey, son of Hattie Rhea Tarver Stevenson and Albert Stevenson. He was predeceased by two sisters, Vivian and Janie. He attended Cranford public schools and graduated from Cranford High School in 1941. Thomas played softball in school and was an outstanding outfielder who represented his school in a mid-west tournament.

Thomas was a Quarter Master in the United States Army and was a veteran of World War II having served in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre. Honorably discharged on March 1, 1946, he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Thomas worked for Allen Industries, a furniture factory, in Rahway after his discharge from the Army. He went out to California with a couple of friends to start a car washing business. The venture didn't materialize and he longed to return home to his family and to his friend "Betty". They started dating, got married in 1954 and later bought the house in Plainfield where they resided the rest of their lives. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2004. He was employed by Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals Inc. of the Celanese Corporation of America, in Somerville. He retired in April 1992 as a Building Maintenance Foreman after 21 years of service.

Thomas was an avid Cleveland Browns Football fan and was a member of the Celanese Corporation of America's bowling league. He loved basketball and some baseball. Thomas enjoyed jazz and he adored Nancy Wilson. He and long time and trusted friend, James "Jimmy" Avery started playing golf on the local courses in Clark. They played during the summers and even made some of their own golf clubs. Thomas loved golf.

Thomas Lloyd Stevenson departed this life on Monday, September 6, 2010 at JFK Medical Center in Edison at the age of 86. He was predeceased by his wife, Julia Elizabeth "Betty" Stevenson on February 7, 2005.

Thomas leaves to cherish fond memories, a cousin, Rodgers Cheeks; sisters-in-law, Elsie Cox, Almeda Thompson, Dorothy Boston, Mary Patricia Parsons, Elaine Pastras and Joyce Parsons; a brother-in-law, Harry Thompson and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,
The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

A Parting View

Hymn “Peace in the Valley”

Scriptures Gwendolyn E. Roberts

Old Testament Psalm 90:1-17

New Testament John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Stephen E. Bryant, Sr.

Hymn “God’s Unchanging Hand”

Words of Comfort Rodgers Cheeks

Words of A Life Long Friend James Avery

Acknowledgement of Condolences Nancy Brown

Obituary Hilda D. Cox

Hymn “It Is Well With My Soul”

Eulogy..... Rev. Stephen E. Bryant, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

Fairview Cemetery

Westfield, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

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“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”



Thomas and Julia Together Again

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now, I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it with undo grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now, He set me free.

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends of Thomas Stevenson

Acknowledgement

The family of **Thomas Stevenson** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.