

*Celebration of Life
For*



Deacon Thomas Hardin

December 17, 1929 - December 22, 2010

"A Friend to All?"

Services

Wednesday, December 29, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

Wells Cathedral COGIC

672 M L King Blvd.
Newark, NJ 07102

Elder Heresy Taylor, Pastor

Gethsemane COGIC

929 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ 07112

Elder Ronald Statham

Elder James Williams, Officiating

Reflections

But be Ye steadfast unmovable always abounding in the works of the Lord for as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Thomas Anthony Hardin, Sr. was born December 17, 1929 in Newark, NJ to Landom and Naomi Hardin, raised by Ocie Hardin who preceded him in death. He departed this life on December 22, 2010.

Thomas, affectionately known as “Tony” attended Charlton Street School in Newark, NJ. Tony later joined the US Army. Upon his return, he started a photography business, owned and operated a hot dog truck and after seventeen years of working for the Newark Housing Authority as Supervisor of Maintenance, he retired to do what he enjoyed most, travel and spending time with his family.

Everyone who knew Tony, knew he loved his shiny brand new cars, reading everything from the daily newspapers to comic books. He could finish a 300 page book in a day. A “Self Proclaimed” chef, Tony would host dinner parties for his friends and family at the drop of a dime, and do most of the cooking himself. He loved taking pictures and going to different restaurants and can talk about food all day.

Tony leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Laura Hardin; two sons, Richard and George Hardin; two daughters, Beverly and Sharon Hardin; step-son, Gregory Gallmon; god-daughter, Bonita Griffin; god-sons, Kiy and Wendell; his two sisters, Anna Mae and Minnie Hardin; brothers-in-law, Elder James E. and David Gaines; sisters-in-law, Annie and Mariah Hardin, Judith and Betty Gaines, Delores Bradley, Mary Lockett and Mattie Mills; five granddaughters, Alethea, Latonya, Shaberia Kirk, Latoya and Shante Hardin; two grandsons, Demetrice and Mark Hardin. Also to cherish his memories are nine great-grand children, and a host of nieces, nephews, family & friends. Preceded him in death were his daughter, Maxine and son, Thomas Jr., granddaughters, Shenise and Jacole; sister, Julia and brothers, Odell and Clarence Hardin. We will truly miss and always will cherish his memories in our heart.

Order of Service

The Processional

Favorite Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Invocation Elder Gilbert White

Old Testament Psalms 90:1-12

New Testament 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Solo Bro. Kiy Griffin, Godson

“Expressions two minutes please”

Elder Edward Bohannon, Evangelist Regina Battle

Evangelist Bernice Henry

Deacon Smalls (Gethsemane GOGIC)

Representative from Lockette Memorial COGIC

Ms. Sharon Hardin, Daughter

Solo Sis. Kia Gaines, niece

Pastor Ronald Statham Pastor

Elder James Gaines brother-in-law

Selection The Martin Sisters

Acknowledgements Sis. Edna Murphy

Obituary Read Silently

Sermonic Solo Bro. Kiy Griffin

Eulogy Elder Hersey Taylor

Final Viewing and Benediction

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Repast

Wells Cathedral COGIC Dinning Hall.

I Am Always With You When I am gone, release me, let me go. I have so many things to see and do, You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears, But be thankful we had so many good years. I gave you my love, and you can only guess how much you've given me in happiness. I thank you for the love that you have shown, But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must then let your grief be comforted by trust that it is only for a while that we must part, So treasure the memories within your heart. I won't be far away for life goes on. And if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear And then, when you come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".

Miss Me But Let Me Go

You can shed tears that I'm gone, Or you can smile because I lived, you can close your eyes and pray that I will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that I have left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see me, or you can be full of the love that you shared, you can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember me and only that I'm gone, or you can cherish my memory and let it live on, you can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what I would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Love Tony

Acknowledgements

Your outpouring of love, support, calls and cards. Your dedication has rendered us speechless. You have given so much of yourselves to ensure that our family is comforted.

Your support has raised our spirits and helped us in the midst of it all. We know God already knew the day and hour that would bring us to this Home Going Celebration. We pray that our Heavenly Father above showers His blessings upon each of you.

Hardin Family

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