

<u>Obituary</u>

Thomas Bohler, Jr. was born April 8, 1933 to the late Thomas, Sr. and Viola Bohler in Lincolnton, Georgia. He was the sixth of seven children. Thomas departed this life on December 23, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary Bohler, a son, Len Edward Callaham and four of his siblings, Carrie Drennon, Juanita Lang, Ernest Bohler and William Bohler.

Thomas attended school in McCormick, SC and moved to Newark, NJ in 1951, where he resided for sixty years.

Thomas was united in marriage to the late Mary Hannah in 1961 and to this union three children were born. Thomas, an independent long distance truck driver, was also a gifted diesel mechanic who enjoyed fixing anything.

Thomas leaves to cherish his memory: two sons, Curtis Patterson (Roberta) of McCormick, SC and Wayne Bohler (Doretha) of Newark, NJ; three daughters, Debra Gold and Tracy Bohler of Newark, NJ and Rochelle Bohler of Midlothian, VA; two sisters, Corelia Steele of Newark, NJ and Eldora Drennon of Camden, NJ; a brother, Bennie Mersier (Effie) of Newark, NJ; long-term special friends, Patria Arroyo, affectionately known as PR and Morris Brown; fourteen grandchildren, Brian Callaham, Cedric Callaham (Makiesha), Shaakira Ramirez (Erick), Tahirah Bryant (Patrick), Kemyyah Bohler, Ebony Hickman (Antonio), Antonius Bohler, Antonio Clark, Marisa Bohler, Thomas Bohler, Amirah Bohler, Qumar Bohler, Jarvis Callaham and Mariah Pearson; eighteen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The Order of Worship

The Musical Prelude Ahmed Wallace The Call to Worship Isaiah 41:10 & 13 "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My right hand." For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, "Fear not, I will help you." Opening HymnAhmed Wallace The Invocation Elder R. Harris The Reading of Scriptures Old Testament - Psalms 90 Richard A Higgins, II New Testament - I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Stephanie Ayers The Prayer of Comfort Elder R Harris Tributes and Acknowledgement of CondolencesVanessa McDonald -Hobbs The Reading of the Obituary (Read Silently) The Musical SelectionAhmed Wallace Eulogy Minister P. Williams Benediction Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery Linden, New Jersey

Immediately following the interment, you are invited to fellowship with the family at 238 Jelliff Avenue * Newark, New Jersey

A million times we have needed him, A million times we have cried, If love alone could have spared him, Thomas never would have died

If all the world was ours to give, We would give it; yes, and more; To see him coming up our steps, And walking through the doors, To hear his voice, to see his smile, To sit and talk with him awhile

To be with you him the same old way, Would be our fondest wish today, A heart of gold stop beating, Two smiling eyes closed to rest, Our hearts are severely broken, Because we lost the best

-author unknown

Pallbearers

Richard Higgins, II Marvin Drennon Sheron White Tearthur Drennon Edward McRae, Jr. Raleigh Carter

Acknowledgement

Maybe it was a card you sent, a phone call or a visit. Maybe you simply sat quietly in a corner, ready to offer whatever help you could. Whatever act of kindness, we sincerely thank you. May God always bless you in a special way.

~The Family

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