

Celebrating the Life of



Fulton Townsel Thomas

June 3, 1932 - May 10, 2012

Service

Thursday, May 17, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

METROPOLITAN A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

259 South Broad Street
Ridgewood, New Jersey

Rev. Mack Brandon, Officiating



Precious Memories



Reflections of Life

Fulton Townsel Thomas was born on June 3, 1932 to the late Willie and Etta (Primus) Thomas in Camden, South Carolina. “Townsel” as he was affectionately called, was reared and educated in Ridgewood, NJ. Upon graduating from Ridgewood High School, he enlisted and served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1952-1956.

Townsel was previously employed by Curtis Wright Aeronautics, and PSE&G where he retired as Service Supervisor after thirty-three years of service in the Bergen and Passaic County area. Upon retirement, he enjoyed bowling, family cookouts, and family outings.

Townsel held various positions within the following organizations throughout his lifetime: a member of Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church (Ridgewood, NJ), where he served as a member of the trustee board, church choir, and the New Jersey Conference Choir.

Townsel served as a Masonic member of Prosperity Lodge #58 in Ridgewood, NJ in 1958. He served as Worshipful Master from

1978-1979. Thereafter, he was appointed as Right Worshipful Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge from 1979-1983. He also served as 7th Masonic District Secretary from 2002-2003 and was a member of Mount Zion Lodge #50.

Townsel was called home to be with the Lord on May 10, 2012. He was predeceased by two brothers, Willie Thomas Jr., and Albert Thomas, and one sister, Della Mae Banks.

He leaves his gifts of wisdom, knowledge, compassion, and loving ways onto: his wife, Mary Thomas; three children, Synita Butler-Hatcher (Derrick) of Paterson, NJ, Sheila of Aberdeen, MD and Craig Thomas (Kim) of Elkton, Maryland; one aunt, Beulah Orr; two brothers, Donald Richard Thomas and Eugene Thomas of Ridgewood, NJ; two sisters, Estelle Tinsley and Arlene Lewis of Paterson, NJ; three grandchildren, Nailah, Jabari, and Kaylei; one step-grandchild, Brittany Hatcher; godson, Dustin Thomas; goddaughter Janel; as well as a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, friends, and neighbors.

Psalm 27-1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn “Lift Him Up”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-4

New Testament - Romans 8:31-39

Prayer of ComfortRev. Dr. Gregory Maize III,
Senior Pastor

Resolution Brenda Perkins

Selection “So Satisfied” - Doreen Washington
Lynn Hayes
Valerie Martin

Acknowledges & Remarks Brenda Perkins

Celebration of Life Brenda Perkins

Selection “My Tribute” - Doreen Washington
Lynn Hayes
Valerie Martin

EulogyRev. Mack Brandon
Asst. Pastor, Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church

Benediction

Recessional

Entombment

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night
The wisdom of the ages.
The power of the eagle's fight;
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add.
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And his name was Townsel, our Dad.*



Acknowledgements

The family acknowledges all expressions of sympathy during our bereavement. We ask God's richest blessing on all who took even a moment to pray, say or do a kind deed for us. We thank you for demonstrating such sincere love and affection during our time of bereavement.

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