



*In Loving
Memory
of*

Benjamin T. Thomas
"Big Ben"

Sunrise
December 4, 1973

Sunset
December 21, 2014



Obituary

Benjamin Thomas, “Big Ben” as he was known to many who knew him, was born on December 4, 1973 in Bronx, New York to the late Angelean Thomas and Bensol Markham. Ben was one of six children. Ben answered God’s call and entered into eternal rest on December 21, 2014.

Ben received his education from the New York City Public School system he attended Junior High School 147, in Bronx, New York and went on to attend William Howard Taft High School, also in Bronx, New York. Ben went on to own his own construction business, Wall 2 Wall Carpentry, Inc. and a security firm, Lock it Down, Inc., both in New York City. Ben was employed by the Wendy Williams show at the time of his passing.

Ben was a well-known figure and was such a joy to be around as he embraced all who he came in contact with. Ben had a love for music, he had a good sense of fashion, he loved cars, he loved food especially macaroni and cheese, candied yams, fried chicken and lots of sweets. Above all he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and just having a good time laughing and joking. Ben touched the lives of many people and will always be remembered for his humor, personality and good heart. Ben was always the protector to those he loved and although he exhibited a tough exterior, he would give the shirt off of his back if it was needed.

Ben leaves to cherish his memories and celebrate his life: his fiancée, Jill Ramsey, Piscataway, New Jersey; four sisters, Daphne Cochran, New York, Jacqueline King (Jerome), New Jersey, Taheera Markham, Massachusetts and Nicole Thomas (Gary), New York; two brothers, Randolph Wiggins (Lisa), New Jersey and Kenneth Thomas, Jr. (Alicia), New York; a stepsister, Chiffon Mason, New York; two daughters, Taylor Thomas (daughter of Yvette Thomas) and London Thomas (daughter of Shakina Fernandez); three stepsons, Raymond Williams, Nazir Davis and Mikai Ramsey-Middleton; an uncle, Steve Anderson, Tennessee; an aunt, Inez Anderson, South Carolina; six nephews, James, Randolph III, Jaheim, Rondell, Kenneth III, and Ziare; two nieces, Sanaa and Ayanna; nine cousins, Anthony, Harold, Julius, Derrick, Victor, Tyron, Jackie, Troy and Shawn; an extended family in Massachusetts; a host of other loving relatives; and friends of whom he referred to as his “brothers” (Phil, L, Ray, Frank, Bam, Carl, Kas and Jerry-just to name a few).

“I don't care if you judge me...just keep the verdict to yourself!!”

Service

Monday, December 29, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

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Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Entombment

Franklin Memorial Park
N. Brunswick, New Jersey

To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
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 tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

-Author unknown

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May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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