

Celebrating The Life  
of  
**Reese Hardy Thomas, Jr.**

**Sunrise**  
*July 9, 1951*

**Sunset**  
*March 7, 2015*



*Friday, March 13, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.*

**WOODY “HOME FOR SERVICES”**

163 Oakwood Avenue  
Orange, New Jersey 07050

***Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins, Officiating***  
***Myron Smith, Organist***

# Obituary

**Reese Hardy Thomas, Jr.** was born in Louisberg, NC to the late Reese Hardy Thomas, Sr. and Christene Thomas. Reese grew up in Louisberg. He received his education through the Louisberg School system until he graduated from Goldsand High School in 1969. He later moved to New Jersey where he met Stephanie Jackson. They were married in 1972. This union led to the birth of two children.

In 1970, Reese entered into the United States Army, where he received an Honorable discharge. After his discharge, he was employed by Lucent Technologies in Murray Hill, NJ, until he retired in 2002. He was a dedicated worker and enjoyed all who he worked with.

Reese leaves to cherish his memory: a loving wife, Stephanie Thomas; two sons, Darrell and Chris; a daughter, Kimberly; his siblings, Robert Lee (Susan), Michael (Gloria), Paula, Ceatrice, Carolyn, Phyllis Thomas, and Denise Morgan (James); cherished grandchildren, Jasmine, Sean, Elijah, Maya, Kenyatta, Dominic, De Marcus, and Tyson; one great-granddaughter, Liberty; his daughter-in-law, Deneen Thomas; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Myron Smith

Seating of The Family.....The Funeral Director

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings.....James Morgan

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Remarks.....Family and Friends (Two Minutes Please)

Acknowledgements and Obituary.....James Morgan

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins

Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church

East Orange, New Jersey

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

## Interment

*Evergreen Cemetery*

*Hillside, New Jersey*

## Repast

*Immediately following the Interment family and friends are invited  
for a repast at the Family Residence*

*23 Netherwood Place • Newark, New Jersey 07106*

# Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

## Acknowledgement

*The family of **Reese Hardy Thomas, Jr.** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during our time of bereavement,  
May God Bless and keep you.*

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