

In Loving Memory of
Larry Motley

Sunrise
December 16, 1952

Sunset
March 12, 2015



Tuesday, March 17, 2015 - 11:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street
Orange, New Jersey

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture/Prayer Zina Motley-Weaver

Obituary/Acknowledgements Geneva Holiday

Special Remarks/Reflections..... Family & Friends

Song..... Marvin Sapp (Recording)

"Never Could Have Made It"

Eulogy..... Jack Williams/ Gregory Brown

Recessional

Cremation

Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey

Obituary



Larry Motley was born on December 16, 1952 in Newark, New Jersey. He was the first born of thirteen children of the late Billy Franklin Thomas and the late Arnerlee Thomas. God called Larry home on March 12, 2015 after a brief illness at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ.

Larry was raised in Newark and graduated from West Side High School. He later obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. Ultimately, he received his Master's degree in Education.

Larry began his career as an Elementary School Teacher in the East Orange Board of Education. He later continued as an educator in the Newark Board of Education for a total of forty years of service. He later retired and became a fashion consultant for various venues.

Larry traveled to many parts of the world pursuing his love of fashion. In the fashion industry, he met many celebrities. Larry loved to recount his stories and adventures with his friends and family. He was a member of the Christian Love Baptist Church and later, converted to Buddhism.

Larry was preceded in death by his brothers, Derrick Lee Thomas and Wayne Vincent Thomas. He leaves to cherish his memory, his siblings Billy Muhammad, Ralph 'Raheem' Thomas, Donna Thomas-Taylor, Brother in-law Stanley Taylor, Thomas James Thomas, Maggie Ann Thomas-Kimbrough, Brother in-law Tyrone Kimbrough, Dr. Antonio Thomas, Shawn Denise Thomas, Robert David Thomas, Ayanna Thomas and Ayesha Salaam. Larry is also survived by nineteen nieces and nephews, seven Great-Great nieces and nephews, cousins and host of family and friends.

Larry will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved him.



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Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave". The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you".

-Mary Stevenson

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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