

*A Celebration of Life*

*Thomas Anderson*



*Sunrise: December 3, 1930*

*Sunset: December 18, 2016*

Service

*Tuesday, December 27, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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*Rev. Dr. J. G. McCann, Sr., Officiating*

*Rev. David Jenkins, Organist*

## *Obituary*

**Mr. Thomas Anderson** was born on December 3rd, 1930 in Greenville, South Carolina.

He was joined in holy matrimony to Betty Jean Maye, from Mobile, Alabama, in June 1974 at Canaan Baptist Church in New York City, with the Reverend Wyatt T. Walker, presiding.

Although no natural children between them, they were blessed with many surrogate children, grandchildren and great-grand children from a previous marriage.

Thomas drove a N.Y.C. Taxi for many years and he always wanted to be one of the best at anything he did. He loved people and he always tried to cheer people up, and make them smile; he would tell them that "...Any day you wake up above the ground- that's a good day!..." He had a great sense of humor.

Thomas was a good and loving husband. He loved music, he loved the Lord and he never forgot the way he was raised. Thomas loved to cook; he was no stranger in the kitchen and he just loved to see people eat and enjoy his food. Thomas also wrote many original recipes for cooking foods.

Thomas said that if you look all around and could not find him anywhere, "...Don't dismay; He has just gone to spend time and rest with Jesus.....".

Someday he will meet all of you over on the other side.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving and devoted wife, Betty Jean Anderson; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Thomas answered to many names throughout his life, such as "Talmadge" (most people could not pronounce properly), "Tab", "Joe", "Big Buddy" and "Scotty" .....but in the end, he just wanted to be called "Mr. Thomas Anderson".

# *Order of Service*

**Musical Prelude**

**Processional**

**Scripture Readings**

Old Testament - Lamentations 3:22-26

New Testament - John 14:1-3

**Prayer**

**Selection**

"Precious Lord"

**Acknowledgements**

(Cards/Condolences)

**Reflections**

Family and Friends

**Obituary**

by Officiating Clergy

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Recessional**

***Interment***

*Graceland Memorial Park*

*Kenilworth, New Jersey*

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

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## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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