

*Homegoing Celebration Services for*

*Keith Nathaniel Thomas*

Sunrise  
April 25, 1958

Sunset  
August 30, 2017

*Service*  
Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

**Revelation Church of God In Christ**

61 West Booker Avenue • Wyandanch, NY 11798

*Bishop Ronald Allen, Sr., Pastor*

*Officiant*

*Elder-Elect Justin Greaves*

*Eulogist*

*Bishop Ronald Jones*

## Obituary

**Keith Nathaniel Thomas** was born in Hastings, Florida on April 25, 1958. He attended West Babylon School district and graduated from West Babylon Senior High School in 1977. In High School, Keith was a Star football athlete. His superior athletic ability ultimately culminated in him earning football scholarship to attend college. Although the scholarship was one avenue, Keith decided to enter the working world. During his life Keith worked in many fields earning multiple certifications which included Production Management, Maintenance and General Labor. More recently, Keith was working as a Fulfillment Associate at Amazon Distribution Center in Bethpage, NY until his untimely passing. He loved his job at Amazon and spoke kindly about the people with whom he worked.

Keith committed his life to Christ many years ago, he loved to attend church and Worship God. Keith overcame many challenges and obstacles in his life. Despite many challenges, Keith, also known as “Erf” or “Earth” among his friends, had no qualms letting anyone know God had delivered him from his past, set him free from the things that had him bound, and healed things that had been broken in his life. Keith used those experiences to impart wisdom to not only his family and friends, but anyone he met. He loved people. It would not be uncommon to see him talking to friends at the corner store or him painting, providing lawncare, yard work, and other jobs in the neighborhood. Keith loved to help and serve others; neighbors, family members, or friends.

Keith was a gentle giant full of life with a heart of gold. He loved spending time with his family, especially during the holidays. Holiday time was a time of togetherness and to watch sports. Keith was a great brother, uncle, cousin, and friend to many. We will all miss his smile, his stories, his witty comments and words of wisdom.

Keith Nathaniel Thomas, beloved brother and uncle leaves to cherish his memory. **Parents:** Vivian Thomas-Bray, a beloved mother (predeceased), John Benjamin, father (predeceased), **Siblings:** Gregory Esau, Sr. (Linda), Elder Migonette Carter, Sheila Thomas (predeceased), Randolph Thomas (Kim), Elder Valarie Smith, **Aunts and Uncle:** Ruth Dernice Williams, and Doll Givings, Juanita Johnson, Migonette Durant (Samuel, Sr.), Gloria Price, Dorothy Benjamin and Mary Benjamin. **Nieces and Nephews:** Elder Laquetta Solomon, Gregory Esau, Jr. (Ozlum), Va’Lance Smith, David Esau, Jared Esau (Nicole), Derek Esau (Shirley), Bradley Esau, LaRisa Graham (Gian), Brianne Cavazos (Fredrick), Kaseem Jackson, Kaison Jackson, and Koran Jackson. Many cousins, many great nieces, great nephews, extended family and friends.

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(Where indicated\* please stand, family may remain seated)

Musical Prelude - Brandon Daniels

\* The Processional

\* Hymn of Comfort

\* Invocation - Bishop Ronald Allen, Sr.

Praise and Worship

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament – Isaiah 40:28-31

Pastor Gloria J. Mixon

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Apostle Laruth Henry

Ministry in Song

Words of Expression (2 minutes)

Family Tribute

Ministry in Song

Acknowledgments of Cards, Resolutions and Condolences

Reading of Obituary - Daryl Durant

Sermonic Solo

Eulogy - Bishop Ronald Jones

Viewing

Recessional

## **Interment**

Pinelawn Memorial Cemetery  
2030 Wellwood Avenue  
Farmingdale, NY 11735

*Repast will be held at:  
VFW Post 2912  
19 Colonial Springs Road  
Wyandanch, NY 11798*

## *Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise;  
Just to know, Thus saith the Lord.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er,  
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more.  
O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust His cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me,  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood.  
Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life, and rest, and joy, and peace.  
I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end

Words: Louisa Stead, 1882. Music: William Kirkpatrick

### **Pallbearers**

Friends & Family members

### **FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

*Perhaps you sent flowers, If so, we saw them there.  
Perhaps you sent or spoke comforting words, Or helped us to pray.  
Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us each day.  
Perhaps you prepared some tasty food, Or maybe furnished a car.  
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, Right there, or afar.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you sincerely, whatever the part  
May God Bless You,  
The Family*

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