

*Celebration of Life  
for*

*Thomas L. Edwards*  
*"Uncle Tom"*

Sunrise  
November 10, 1933

Sunset  
December 8, 2019

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

**GRACE BIBLE CLASS CHURCH**  
54 Pine Street, Passaic, New Jersey  
Rev. Bernard Durham, Officiating  
Janice Wright, Organist

# *Reflections of Life*

**Thomas Louis Edwards** was born on November 10, 1933, to the late John Edwards and Carrie Bell Edwards in Passaic, NJ.

Thomas was educated in the Passaic Public School System where he graduated in 1952. Although he was short in stature, Thomas played for the Passaic High School Football Team. He was a die hard fan of the New York Giants and New Jersey Nets. He loved Dr. Dre and would try not to miss seeing a game. He lived in Passaic most of his life, later moving to Clifton, N.J.

He enlisted in the United States Army in 1954 and was honorably discharged in 1955. Following his military service he was employed by Tom McCann's Shoe Company, and Hewitt Robins Inc. He later retired from The City Of Passaic County Senior Services, Meal On Wheels.

He was a devoted member of The Silver Star Lodge. "Uncle Tom", as he was affectionately known in the community, was a cheerful giver, (especially with his chewing gum). He had a humorous personality which will be missed by all who knew him especially his family who loved him so much.

Thomas was predeceased by his parents John and Carrie Bell Edwards, three brothers, Pete Edwards, George Edwards, and John Henry Edwards, five sisters, Cora Handsford, Ella Kate DeGroat, Jessica Marie White, Mary Kendrick, and Laura B. Wright.

He departed this life peacefully on Sunday, December 8, 2019.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, his devoted brother Curtis Edwards, (Gwendolyn) Willingboro, N.J., a host of nieces, nephews and friends, The Summitt Medical Group, Hamilton Plaza, Nursing Home and Daughters of Miriam Senior Housing and loving god son Thomas White, Nutley, N.J.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort  
Rev. Bernard Durham

Recessional

## **Interment**

William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery  
Arneytown, New Jersey

# *There's A Reason*

*For every pain that we must bear  
For every burden, every care  
There is a reason.*

*For every grief that bows the head  
For every tear drop that is shed  
There is a reason.*

*For every hurt, for every plight  
For every lonely, pain-racked night,  
There is a reason.*

*But if we trust God, as we should  
It will all turn out for our good  
He knows the reason.*

*-Author unknown*



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## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Thomas L. Edwards** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during this our time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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