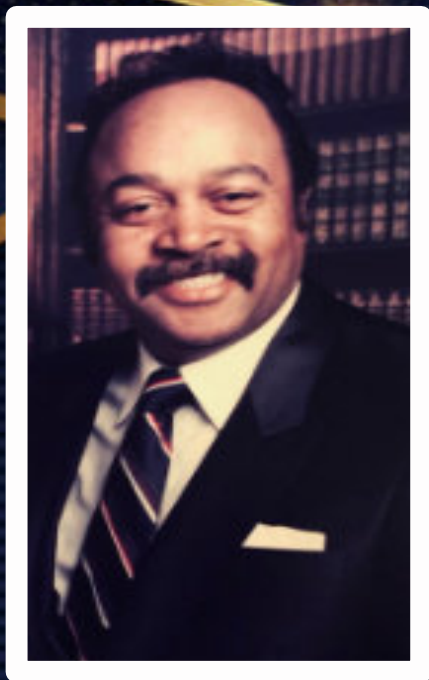


Going Home Service for



Donald Ray Thomas, Sr.

Sunrise: July 29, 1937
Sunset: January 8, 2022

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022 - 12:00 P.M.

First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church

572 Broad St. • Newark, New Jersey

OBITUARY

Donald Ray Thomas, Sr., was called home on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the age of 84, at Virtua Health Long Term Care in Berlin, NJ, after a long illness.

Donald Thomas was born on July 29, 1937, son of Nancy and Randall Thomas in Corydon, Kentucky. He attended Douglas High School in Henderson, Kentucky.

Donald met the love of his life, Lucille, while visiting in Newark, NJ. It was love at first sight. Donald was married to his wife, Lucille James for many years. He was a devoted family man that loved, provided for, and protected his large family of children and grandchildren in Newark, NJ.

Although Donald worked in several jobs, his favorite job was “making them cars” at the General Motors plant in Linden, NJ. He retired from General Motors. In his retirement, Donald enjoyed watching Westerns, going to Atlantic City, listening to music (he was fondest of jazz), and spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Donald was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was also a big sports fan. He loved his Cowboys and his Mets!

Donald was very active in his church, First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church in Newark, NJ. He did volunteer work for the church, was a member of the Couples Club and served as a Deacon, Trustee and Sexton until his health began to fail.

Donald Thomas is survived by his children Joyce James, Randall Thomas, Clifford Thomas, Nancy Thomas-Boyce, Donald R. Thomas, Jr., Martin James, his sister Marva Thomas Dixon and Goddaughter Ieshia Jackson. He is also survived by a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Donald was predeceased by his wife, Lucille Thomas, his children David James, Donald James, Alvino James, and Donna James, his parents, Randall and Nancy Thomas, and siblings, Susie Anna Jackson, Leonard E. Thomas, Mary E. Thomas Threats, Nolan W. Thomas, Elijah B. Thomas, Ernestine Thomas, Eugene O. Thomas, and Eleanor A. McCants.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude		Carol Gallentine
Welcome		Randall Thomas
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 4:16-18	Randall Thomas
Prayer of Comfort		
*Hymn	#345 "Blessed Assurance"	
Acknowledgment		Nicole James
Obituary		Martin James
Brief Tributes		Family & Friends
Musical Selection	"I Won't Complain"	Tamika Jackson
Eulogy		Pastor James Kang
*Hymn	#4 "How Great Thou Art"	
Benediction		Pastor James Kang
Postlude		Carol Gallentine
Final Viewing		

*We Invite you to stand.

INTERMENT
Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey

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

The Thomas James Family

*We would like to thank you all for your love and support
during our difficult time. We really appreciate your
thoughtfulness and sympathy*

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