Celebrating the Life of



Gene Lewis Thomas Sunrise: October 7, 1930 - Sunset: April 19, 2023

Friday, May 12, 2023 - 5 PM

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<u>Obituary</u>

Gene L. Thomas was borne October 7, 1930 to the late Garfield and Maybertha Moses Thomas. He was the youngest of four children, Fred, L.V., Garfield Jr., and Mattie Mae Dawson.

Gene was born and raised in Warrenton, Georgia, where he worked very hard with his father as a young boy driving his father around doing odd jobs in town. He left Warren, Georgia in the 1960's and come to New York where he made it his home. While living in New York, Gene held several jobs working in the garment industry for years as a presser operator. He retired from the security department for as a security guard.

Gene was a very sharp dresser who loved to dress everyday wearing suits and hats to match his outfits. He was a very quiet person that stayed to himself most of the time. He never had a bad word to say about anybody. He enjoyed all kinds of music. His favorite was gospel music. He enjoyed watching cowboy movies and comedy shows. Gene loved to eat. His favorite food was eating meat of all kinds except for turkey. He loved all his family especially his kids. Gene developed a genuine loved for Carolina Baptist Church and First Union Gospel Missionary Baptist Church both in Bronx, New York.

Gene gracefully departed this side of Zion, April 19, 2023. He leaves to cherish his memories: first wife, Pauline; sons, Gene (Thompson, GA), Richard, Michael, Craig, Douglas, and Kartell all from New York City; daughters, Bettie (NC), Lorraine (NY), Charlene (PA), Veronica (NY), and Michelle, (Dover, DE); his nieces, great nieces, nephews, great-nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and a host of cousins and many other relatives and friends.

Gene is preceded in death, by five sons, Jimmy, Jackie, Gene, Peter and James; three brothers, Fred, L.V., and Garfield Jr.; one sister, Mattie Mae Dawson and his second wife, Carol.

Gene remember you have family that loved you very much. You will be and are already missed. Our time with you would never have been long enough. We take comfort that you have transitioned into the care of Our Lord God and all the relatives and friends that have been waiting for your arrival.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Dominique Thomas

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Tisha Batchelor

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition: Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, New York

God's Garden

God looked around his garden- And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth- And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you - And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful - He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering - He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never - Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough - And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids - And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you - But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you - The day God called you home.



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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