

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
*Thomas M. Raley*

Sunrise  
September 18, 1945

Sunset  
August 31, 2024



Saturday, September 14, 2024 - 1:00pm

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**  
256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

# Obituary

Thomas Melton Raley was born September 18, 1945 to Edna and Sidney Raley in Lancaster County, SC. He attended the Lancaster County School system.

While attending Hillside High School he met and married Amanda Thompson. They later migrated to Paterson, New Jersey where they became the parents to two daughters, Melinda and Tracey.

He worked as a Plater for many years. Thomas later married Lois Raley until she departed this life.

Thomas was known as a funny guy. He loved watching westerns, and wrestling. He had a laugh that was infectious and a caring demeanor. He was and is loved by many that came in his path.

Thomas was preceded in death by both parents along with his brothers, Theron, James Edward, Charles, Cotis and two sisters, Willie Mae and Lottie Mae.

He leaves to cherish wonderful memories his two daughters, Malinda White (Ronnie), Tracey Lawrence (Kent); grandsons, Vashon and Dyron White, Ahmad Brown, Ryan and Mekhi Lawrence, Sabery White, Kendra and Zatah Lawrence, Leveda Brown and Denea Lawrence; three great grandchildren, Caleb , Cadijah and Camiyah White; brothers, Rudolph (Mildred); Thomas introduced them many years ago leading them to get married; Pastor Aaron (Mae). He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, friends and family.

# *Going Home*

I'm going home  
The Lord has called me to go home  
I'm leaving this place, but you can reach me  
through God's heavenly phone  
Rejoice and don't shed too many tears  
I've been waiting on this day to go home for so  
many years  
I will miss you but it's time I must go  
I will be there waiting for you when it's your time  
to go home  
I will always love you  
Try and be strong for me  
Praise the Lord because I'm finally set free  
I'm going home  
The lord has called me to go  
I'm going home  
The Lord has called me to go home

*Written by, Shannell G. Griggs*

*Cremation*  
Cedar Lawn Crematory  
200 McLean Blvd  
Paterson, NJ 07504



Edna Raley's son's and daughter's Uncle Cotis and Uncle Thomas are not present in this photo.



## *Acknowledgment*

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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