
Celebration of Life for
Deacon Thomas Frierson

Sunrise
February 8, 1931

Sunset
September 27, 2011



Homegoing Celebration

Monday, October 3, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

515 West 125th Street
New York City, New York

Reverend Shon T. Adkins, Pastor
Rev. Sim Williams, Officiating

Obituary

Today, we gather to pay tribute to one who has touched the lives of his many friends, family and all who knew him in his own special way.

Deacon Thomas Frierson was born February 8, 1931 in Summerton, SC. He was the oldest of nine children of the late Henry and Carnetta Nelson Frierson. He attended Scott Branch School. Being raised in a Christian Home, he joined St. Matthew A.M.E. Church, Summerton, SC.

Being a young man, he found the love of his life Deaconess Almeta Dingle they were married for fifty-five years September 11, 2009 until the passing of Deaconess Almeta on September 12, 2009.

In 1956, the Newlywed Couple moved to New York City where they joined Macedonia Baptist in Harlem, NY and later joined Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Bronx, NY. Shortly after, Deacon and Deaconess Frierson left Mt. Gilead to join Rev. Affoyd Alston in establishing Antioch Baptist Church. After serving five-six years at Antioch, the Frierson's moved to the Lowly Nazarene Baptist Church in the Bronx in 1986 at Lowly Nazarene Deacon Frierson was President of the Prayer Band and Chairman of Deacon Board.

In 2010 Deacon Frierson relocated back at Antioch Baptist where he served as Vice President Men Ministry, Sunday School Devotional Leader, a member of the Deacon Board, Male Choir, Pastor Aide Ministry and Mid-Week Bible Study Services, a member of the Community Prayer Band. Deacon Frierson was a devoted man of God, he loved God, friends and his family. He was a singer and prayer warrior.

He leaves to cherish loving memories: a loving and devoted daughter and son-in-law, Dale (James) Sinkler of Rimini Community; grandson, Rev. Duwine (Artrella) Sinkler of Sumter, SC; great grand, Destiny Mone' Sinkler; five sisters very devoted, Susie Boyd, Amie Cunningham of Brooklyn, NY, Sarah (Eugene) Wicker, Manning, SC, Daisy (Layden) Taylor of Sumter, SC and Rev. Evelyn Dukes of Summerton, SC; one devoted brother, Henry (Cozetta) Frierson of Teaneck, NJ; a niece reared in the home, Deloris (Rev. James) Missick; devoted sisters-in-law, Lillie Lopez, Helen Frazier, Emma (Nathaniel) Robinson, Geneva Dingle and Dorothy Dingle; adopted daughter, loving and caring, Rev. Shon Adkins; loving, caring and devoted adopted children, Deacon, Jerime and Deaconess Gloria Gaston; a close friend, Rev. Sim Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Johnnie and Harry Frierson and a sister-in-law, Trudy Frierson Dupree.

Order of Service

Presiding, Rev. Sim Williams

Processional

Opening Hymn “There’s Not A Friend”
Lowly Nazarene Baptist Church

Scripture

Old Testament Rev. Willie Cooper

New Testament Rev. Franklin D.R. Chandler
Carolina Baptist Church

Prayer Rev. Wayland Williams
Lagree Baptist Church

Choir Selection Male Choir

Acknowledgements of Cards Sis. Smalls

Resolutions

Choir Selection Male Choir

Precious Memories (2 minutes please) Church
Family (Rev. Duwine Sinkler (Grandson)
Adopted Son Deacon Jamine Gaston

Solo Deacon Bennis Suggs

Eulogy Rev. Shon T. Adkins, Senior Pastor

Parting View

Committal/Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

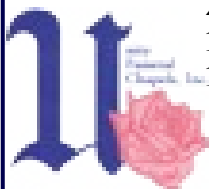
To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



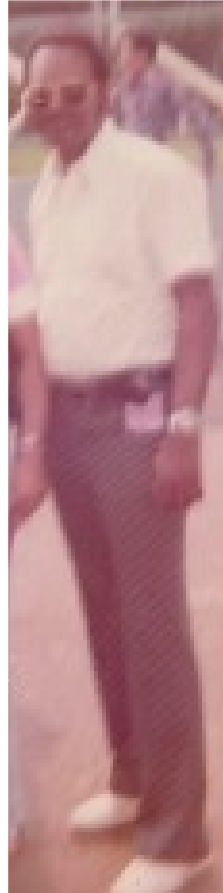
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Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*


*Did you wonder why I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home:
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*



-unknown author