

*Home Going Celebration*  
*for*  
*Deacon Thomas "Partner" White*

*Sunrise*  
*February 17, 1939*

*Sunset*  
*January 28, 2012*

*Saturday, February 4, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.*

**NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
130 West Kinney Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Rev. John K. White, Officiating*

## **WE REMEMBER DAD.....**

For saying to Mommy give me a buzz

For always taking pictures

For being charitable

For loving God & always reading his Bible

For loving to visit the sick

For playing pool in the basement

For taking us to Asbury Park

For waking us up in the middle of the night to do push-ups & sit-ups

For coming into the room when I was watching T.V. and changing  
the channel and saying "you wasn't watching that"

and start laughing

For making up silly answers to the Wheel of Fortune puzzles

For walking the dog every Monday no matter how sick he was

For singing Johnny Mathis songs

For spending hours in the dollar store

For feeding the dogs black-eyed peas and turkey butts

For going to the mall with me

For feeding the dogs ice cream in the summer time

For calling me big girl

For loving animals and teaching me to appreciate nature

For taking me to Valley Fair

For taking me to Disney World every year

For bringing home stray dogs from the police station

and keeping them as pets

For taking me to Vailsburg Park

For loving White Castle hamburgers

For not wanting to get on a plane

For refusing to travel to anyplace else except Disney World

For giving me my first football and coaching me in the game

For my first trip to Shea Stadium to see our beloved Mets

For refusing to read directions & trying to follow  
the pictures to assemble things

For being an easy going person

For encouraging us to get our education & get the best  
jobs to take care of ourselves & families

For building a dog house for the stray cat in the back yard.

## Obituary

**Deacon Thomas “Partner” White** was born February 17, 1939 in Fort Valley, Georgia to the late Dudley and Eula Mae White. He was the third of five children, four brothers and one sister.

At a young age, the family moved to Miami, Florida where he was educated in the Florida Public School system. After graduating High School, Thomas enlisted in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged. In 1964, White and two of his friends relocated to Newark, New Jersey. The following year (1965), he was united in holy matrimony to Ruby Turner; and the union was blessed with two sons (Marvin Troy and Darrell Thomas) and one daughter (Rashon Martha).

Thomas joined the Newark Police Department in 1971. He served in the following assignments: West and South District Tactical Squad, Youth Aid, Narcotics Bureau, Detective Division, Community Service, Intelligence and Director’s Office. He advanced through the ranks from Patrolman to Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. He retired from the Department of Community Affairs in 2000.

Deacon White was a humble man and an outstanding family man. He had a heart of gold and he always tried to find good in everyone. He enjoyed golfing, watching baseball, boxing and football. Thomas was an avid animal lover (a trait that would often get him in trouble with his wife) . Often, he would find a stray animal in the neighborhood and bring it home.

Thomas also enjoyed visiting Walt Disney World but he would not fly. Amtrak collected his money annually from 1994 until his health declined later in 2007. He visited the “Holy Land” Exhibit, Epcot Center and took pictures of his favorite characters.

In 1989, Thomas joined New Salem Baptist Church under the guidance of the late Reverend John L. Toler. Under the leadership of Reverend Franklin E. Gosnell, Thomas White was consecrated as a Deacon in 1998. He was a faithful and reliable member until his health failed.

Deacon Thomas White entered into eternal rest on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, New Jersey.

He is survived by: his wife of forty-six years, Ruby; two sons, Marvin Troy and Darrell Thomas; one daughter, Rashon Martha; nephew, Ricky White; one aunt, Rosa White; daughters-in-law, Sylvia and Stefanie; brothers-in-law, Lloyd Turner (Carrie), George Wilton Turner (Florine), Donald and Leon Turner; sisters-in-law, Pauline, Marie and Martha Turner; six grandchildren, Jessica McFadden, Nicole Harris, Troy Daron White, Porsche White, Darrell “DJ” White, Jr. and Rashad White; three great-grandchildren; and a host of other cousins, nieces, nephews, colleagues, “partners” and friends. He was preceded in death by his siblings: Dudley Jr., Samuel, Bobby (James) and Ola Mae White.

# *Order of Service*

*Processional* ..... “Soon And Very Soon”

*Call to Worship*

*Prayer of Comfort* ..... *Rev. Valerie Lewis*  
*Associate, New Salem Baptist Church, Newark, NJ*

*Choir and Congregation* ..... “Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

*New Testament Reading* ..... *Rev. Garry Watson, Pastor*  
*Disciples of Christ Faith Ministries International, Newark, NJ*

*Old Testament Reading* ..... *Rev. William Chambliss*  
*Pastor, Greater Refuge Baptist Church, Newark, NJ*

*Musical Selection*

*Remarks & Acknowledgements* ..... *Rev. Martin Legre*  
*Pastor, Little Friendship Baptist Church, Newark, NJ*

*Obituary* ..... *Deaconess Mamie Hargrove*

*Musical Selection*

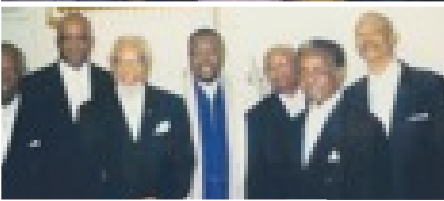
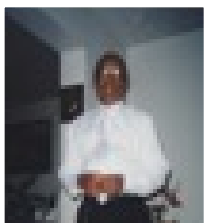
*Eulogy* ..... *Rev. Franklin Gosnell*  
*Past Pastor, New Salem Baptist Church, Newark, NJ*

*Recessional* ..... “I’ll Fly Away”

*Interment* ..... *Glendale Cemetery*  
*Bloomfield, New Jersey*

*Family and Friends will be received at*  
*New Salem’s Dining Room*





# Bronze Shields Honor Guard



# *Stay In Prayer*



## **Pall Bearers**

*John Scott-Bey  
Michael Patilla*

*Raynard McGahee  
Torrence Minatee  
Samad Washington*

*Darrel T. White  
Troy White*



## **Acknowledgement**

*The family of would like to express their gratitude for your prayers and every act of love extended during their time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.*

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