

In Loving Memory of



Bill Grayson Thomas

Sunrise
August 22, 1957

Sunset
October 18, 2012

Service
Monday, October 29, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

QUEENS REFORMED CHURCH

94-79 Springfield Blvd.
Queens Village, New York

Pastor Anna Melissa Jackson, Officiating

Obituary

“Oh for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still.”

Bill Grayson Thomas, affectionately called; Tommy, Billy-Bell and Bunny amongst other aliases was born in Kingston, Jamaica, August 22, 1957. Bill was the only son of the late Roy Alexander and Amy B. Thomas.

As a young lad in Jamaica, Bill attended the Elim Assembly Sunday School and Calabar Primary School. Bill had a very inquisitive mind; he often wanted to know why some words are not spelled as they were pronounced. Young Bill was very persistent in his quest for knowledge; he would not rest until he got his answer.

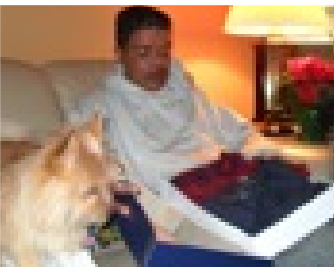
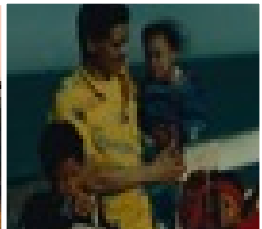
However, Bill's time in Jamaica was short lived. In 1964, he migrated with his mother (whose apron strings he held onto), to Freeport, Bahamas where they spent the next four years. In 1969, Bill and his mother joined his father in the Bronx, New York. While in the Bronx, Bill and his mother worshipped at the Teller Avenue Gospel Chapel, where Bill was baptized and brought into fellowship.

In 1972, the family moved to Queens and in 1973 Bill began to attend Andrew Jackson High School where he met his future wife, Doreen. In June 1975, Bill graduated from Andrew Jackson and in 1976 he enlisted in the armed services. While there he became a food service specialist and received a marksman and good conduct medal. Upon leaving the armed services in 1980, Bill became an authenticator for Barcaly's Bank. Despite his work at the bank, Bill never gave up his passion for cooking, he would later continue on to work for Trust House, York College, Queensborough Correctional Facility and The NYC Department of Corrections as a cook.

Bill married Doreen his high school sweetheart in 1985. Their union produced two daughters, LaToya and Alayna Thomas. Bill was a sweet kind hearted and affectionate man.

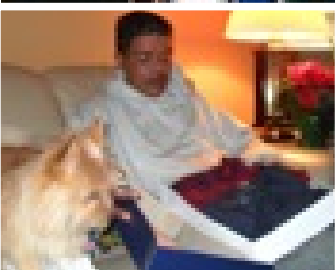
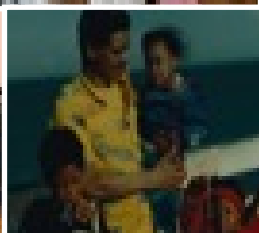
To mourn this irreparable loss are: his loving wife, Doreen; daughters, LaToya and Alayna; sister, Lorraine Thomas; mother-in-law, Muriel Setta; father-in-law, David Taylor, Jr.; aunts, Edna Teckel, Pearley Hart, Mae Bennett, Grace Rose; uncle, Errol Thomas; loving nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family.









Order of Service

Processional and Viewing Pastor Anna Melissa Jackson
Scripture Reading Pastor Anna Melissa Jackson
Old Testament - Job 14:1-14
New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Comfort Prayer Pastor Anna Melissa Jackson
Expression of Thanks Jose Rodriquez
Song “Amazing Grace”
Poem LaToya and Alayna Thomas
Reading of Cards Erica Taylor-Brooks and David Taylor IV
Song “Precious Lord”
Obituary David Taylor, Jr.
Home Coming Eulogy Pastor Anna Melissa Jackson
Song “I’ll Fly Away”
Benediction
Recessional

Interment

Maple Grove Cemetery
Kew Gardens, New York

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembering joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to express their deep appreciation
and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to
them in their time of sorrow.*

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