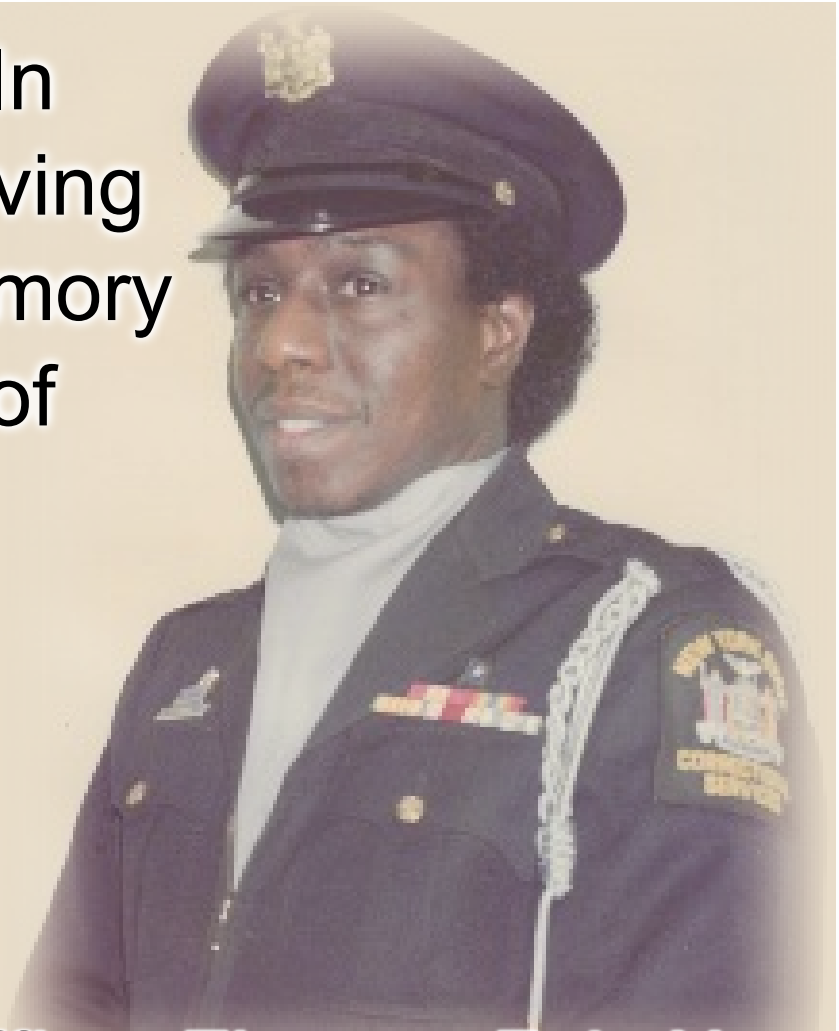


In
Loving
Memory
of



Officer Thomas E. LaVan

Sunrise
May 19, 1950

Sunset
December 29, 2013

Service

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

CONVENT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

420 West 145th Street

New York City, New York 10031

Rev. Dr. Jesse T. Williams, Jr., Pastor

Rev. Booker T. Morgan, Officiating

Prof. Gregory H. Hopkins, Minister of Music

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Opening Sentences

Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - St. John 14:1-6

Selection "Amazing Grace"

Acknowledgements /Reflections..... Family and Friends

Obituary Read Silently

Selection "Precious Lord"

Eulogy Rev. Booker T. Morgan

Selection "It Is Well With My Soul"

Viewing

Committal

Recessional "When We All Get To Heaven"

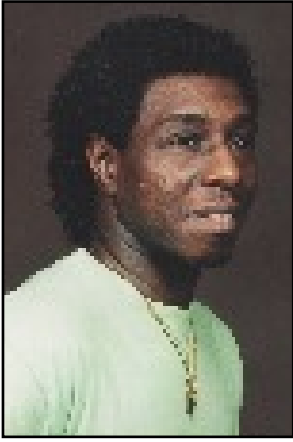
Organ Postlude

Interment

Mt. Hope Cemetery

Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

Reflections of Life



The late **Thomas Edwin LaVan**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Alberta LaVan was born on May 19, 1950. Thomas was an exceptionally loving individual. What made him special was his kind loving and giving personality. He was affectionately known as "T", "Uncle T" or "T-Bone".

Thomas tried to fit everything to a "T" in everyone's life that he was involved in. Thomas lived on Prospect Avenue during his early childhood. His parents moved to Harlem in 1952, it was there he attended P.S. 157, Creston JHS and graduated from Dewitt Clinton High School. Thomas was drafted into the US Army where he served during the Vietnam War. Prior to his draft into the army, Thomas applied for NYC Police Department where he was accepted but not available because of the draft. After he served in the military and was honorably discharged, he applied to NYS Department of Correctional Services where he worked for thirty-eight years. Thomas was a model officer, everyone loved him. He loved his job and took pride in his daily assignments.

Not forgotten the curtain falls, there comes a time for all of us time too slow for those who wait too short those who fear too long for those who grieve too short for those who rejoice but for those who love time is eternity. But Thomas will find a new salvation with the creator.

Thomas was preceded in death by his sister, Vanisea Edwards and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alberta Leon Bass.

Thomas leaves to mourn his children, Danette, Donald and Konosha; five grandchildren; parents, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Alberta LaVan; two sisters, Alencia and Phyllis; two nieces, Katrese and Vaniesa; three nephews, Jamel, Maurice and Phillip; aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Carey; fifteen cousins; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road your trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is queer with it's twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When you might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow-
You might succeed with another blow.
Success is failure turned inside out-
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt-
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.



Acknowledgement

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

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