

*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
**Thurman Crudup Jr.**

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*Sunrise*  
*April 1, 1959*

*Sunset*  
*April 20, 2014*



**Service**

Monday, May 5, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street

Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating*

*Emory Lee, Organist*

## Obituary

**Thurman Jr.**, was born April 1, 1959 to the late Thurman Crudup, Sr. and Betty (Branch) Crudup. Thurman Jr. was born in the State of North Carolina, Nash County, in the Township of Manning at the Spring Hope Clinic. Shortly after, his (late) parents migrated North to Newark, New Jersey then to East Orange.

Thurman Jr. completed his education through the East Orange Public School system. He graduated from East Orange High School in 1978. During that time he played football in the defensive tackle position. Thurman Jr. worked several jobs during his life, The Housing Authority of East Orange, New Jersey, the Recycling Plant and the Bennet Chemical co. of Newark, New Jersey. Thurman Jr. spent several years in the maintenance capacity at the Union Baptist Church in Orange, New Jersey. Thurman Jr. had extensive knowledge and skills in the automotive, boiler maintenance and carpentry fields. Prior to being diagnosed with diabetes in the early 90's, Thurman Jr. enjoyed the outdoors, biking, fishing and just hanging out. He loved to laugh and joke and to all who really knew him, knew he was quite a character.

Thurman Jr. was very strong willed in that he tried to live an independent life despite becoming blind, in the latter stages of the illness he battled. During one of his recent hospital stays, Thurman Jr. accepted Jesus Christ as The Lord and Savior of his life. Thurman Jr. departed this life on April 29, 2014 at 4:40AM. Thurman Jr. will be truly missed, by his family and good friends.

His sister Clementine Crudup preceded Thurman Jr., in death.

Thurman Jr. leaves cherished memories: to his brothers and in-laws, Leo and Pamela Crudup of Newark, NJ, David and Lori Crudup of Westwood, NJ and Jerry and Kianna Crudup of Georgia; nephews and nieces; Abdur-Raheem Jamal Smallwood, Ahmad Mahir Crudup, Leo Ishmil Crudup, James Crudup, Brandon Isaiah Crudup, Sakeenah, Mekka, Yasmine, Amani, Kayla, Clementine, Alionna, and Jerri; great niece, Kayla Clementine Smallwood and nephew, Jeremy Jamal Smallwood, and Elijah James Crudup. He also leaves to mourn a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

# **Order of Service**

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey

*Family and friends are invited for a repast in the Community Room  
at 210 North Grove Street • East Orange, NJ  
Immediately after the burial.*

*LORD, Remind me how brief my time on earth  
Will be. Remind me that my days are numbered,  
and that my life is fleeing away.*

*Psalm 39:4 (NLT)*

*I am here on earth for just a little while.*

*Psalm 119:19 (TEV)*



**Acknowledgement**

The family wishes to express a heartfelt thanks to all who share in our loss. Thank You for all acts of kindness and comforting expressions of sympathy shown during our time of bereavement.

And Special Thanks to the residents of 210 North Grove Street and Kassem Jones, Project Manager Of the Housing Authority of East Orange for their on going help and support with

**Thurman Crudup, Jr.**

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