



Celebration of Life For



Deacon Thomas Crawley, Jr.

Delivered to this Earth

August 5, 1942

Received back to Our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ

June 5, 2015



Celebration Service:

Saturday, June 13, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - Viewing

12:00 Noon - Service

Church of The Epiphany

105 Main Street

Orange, NJ 07050

Superintendent Ronald W. Crawley, Sr. Officiating

Obituary

This is my personal obituary, written by me in the month of December 1, 2004, 12:15PM. On June 5, 2015 **Deacon Thomas Crawley, Jr.**, was called to rest, to possess the “New Life Eternal” that has been promised to all of God’s saints who put their trust in JESUS CHRIST as their personal savior. God called him from labor to rewards.

Thomas was born in Emporia, Virginia on August 5, 1942 to the late Elder Thomas Crawley, Sr. and Missionary Romaine G. Crawley. He grew up in St. Paul Church of God in Christ under Pastor R. N. Johnson, with Missionary Eva Jackson and her husband Deacon Russell Jackson as youth leader. He received Jesus Christ as his personal savior during a Tent Revival meeting called “The Herald of His Coming” in 1955. He attended elementary school at R.R. Moton; the Edward W. Wyatt High School from which he graduated in 1962. He moved to Newark, NJ that same year, where he joined Morning Star Church of God In Christ under the leadership of Elder Willis. In 1978, he joined The House of Prayer Church of God in Christ where Elder Calvin Croslin was pastor. After he passed, Elder Clarence C. Williams became his pastor, who appointed him to be a deacon and Sunday School teacher for the adult class after the passing of Deacon Moses McWhorter. He enjoyed decades of teaching until January 2015. He sang in the choir, served as a trustee, worked in the Mercy Food Pantry with then Missionary Frances Baker. He also went to the Nursing Home with Missionary Baker and Missionary Cora Barr ministering to the patients there for a while.

Deacon Crawley was introduced to Sis. Renee M. Bingham by Mother Thelma McWhorter in 1981 at the 1st Jurisdiction Spring Conference in Trenton, NJ. They were married June 26th 1982 by Pastor Clarence Williams, and her grandfather Elder Andrew Hicks, Assistant Pastor, of Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ. Their union was a blessing from God as they continued to grow together in love; they enjoyed four godchildren.

Thomas and Renee loved to go on cruises or fly to exotic places. He was devoted to Sis. Renee, whom he always called “SWEETIE”. He worked for sixteen years for Highlander Sportswear Leathers; eight years for NJ Rehabilitation/Kessler Institute; eleven years for National Starch and Chemical Corp. and, four years for Hoffman LaRoche Pharmaceutical. He retired in August 2004 and enjoyed life puttering around outdoors and carpentry inside.

Pre-deceased by his father, Thomas Jr. leaves his *Devoted* wife, Renee of almost 33 years; his mother, Romaine of Virginia; 4 sisters: Mary Mattox of Maryland; Frances Boyd of Maryland; Blanch (Myron) Alston of Maryland; Joyce Kelley, NJ; 6 brothers: James (Dora) Crawley of NJ; Edward (Chiffon) Crawley of North Carolina; Russell (Diane) Crawley, NJ; William (Sandra) Crawley of NJ; Louis (Willie Mae) Crawley of Maryland; Ronald (Roxann) Crawley of NJ; one adopted sister, Priscilla Atkinson of Washington, DC; Mother-in-law, Mrs. Marguerite Bingham, NJ; sister-in-law, Sylvia (Stephen) Gibson, NJ; 2 brothers-in-law: David (Earlene) Bingham and Glen (Loretha) Bingham; 4 godchildren: Kadajah Freeman, Darius Cook, Andrew Taylor and David Woody; as well as a host of nieces, and nephews, saints and friends. Faithfully submitted, Thomas Crawley, 2:30PM 12/1/04.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude..... Deacon Jay Thompson
Processional..... Clergy and Family
Prayer of Comfort Elder Edward Crawley
New Bethel COGIC, Charlotte, NC
Song of Praise..... Voices of Praise & Congregation

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament – Psalm 34:1-3..... Elder Louis Crawley, Pastor
Hedges & Highway COGIC, Upper Marlboro, MD
New Testament – II Corinthians 5:5-8 Elder William Crawley
Lockett Memorial COGIC, Linden, NJ

Favorite Songs: I’m a Royal Child, Put Your Time In Voices of Praise
Words of Comfort
Solo Evangelist Dollie Williams
Special Tributes (*2 Minutes*)
Mother Frances Baker, Deacon Jesse Peterson, *representing House of Prayer*
Deacon Keith Freeman, *Friend*
Glen Bingham; Mother Mary Mattox, *Family*

Words of Encouragement
Superintendent Clarence Williams, Pastor
House of Prayer Church Of God In Christ | Northern *District*

Acknowledgement of Cards, Condolences
and Resolutions..... Mother Delores Peterson
Reading of the Obituary..... Mother Delores Peterson
Sermonic Selection..... Voices of Praise
The Eulogy Elder James Crawley, Pastor
Holy Haven COGIC, Parlin, NJ
Recessional

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Monday, June 15, 2015 Graceland Memorial Park Association • Kenilworth, New Jersey 10:30 AM</p> |
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REPAST

*Immediately following the service, everyone is cordially invited to the Church Fellowship Hall.
House of Prayer Church Of God In Christ
138 Hickory Street • Orange, NJ 07050
Superintendent Clarence Williams, Pastor*



Jesus Calling



THANK ME for the conditions that are requiring you to be *still*. Do not spoil these quiet hours by wishing them away, waiting impatiently to be active again. Some of the greatest works in My kingdom have been done from sickbeds and prison cells. Instead of resenting the limitations of a weakened body, search for My way in the midst of these very circumstances. Limitations can be liberating when your strongest desire is living close to Me.

Quietness and trust enhance your awareness of My Presence with you. Do not despise these simple ways of serving Me. Although you feel cut off from the activity of the world, your quiet trust makes a powerful statement in spiritual realms. *My Strength and Power show themselves most effective in weakness.*

Zechariah 2:13; Isaiah 30:15; II Corinthians 12:9 (by Sarah Young)

PALLBEARERS

David A. Bingham Keith Crawley
James, Louis, William, Russell, Ronald, Edward Crawley

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Glen H. Bingham

**Thanks to the Flowers Bearers & House of Prayer
Collations' Team and Ushers!**

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Thomas Crawley, Jr.** sincerely appreciate all that you did during his episodes of illness and during this time of bereavement and celebration. Many, many thanks to the Woody Home for Services, Medical Care Centers Newark Beth Israel and St. Barnabas, and Nursing Homes Stratford and Care One at Livingston. Most of all to St. Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center Green Team.*

***II Corinthians 5:9 'Wherefore we labor, that,
whether present or absent, we may be accepted by HIM.***

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