# In Loving Memory of Emmanuel Thomas

Sunrise October 8, 1970 Sunset April 4, 2016











Service Saturday, April 16, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> BAPTIST CHURCH

5 Hilton Avenue

Vauxhall, New Jersey

Reverend Marion J. Franklin, Jr., Officiating

## <u>Reflections of Life</u>

On October 8, 1970, **Emmanuel Thomas**, affectionately known as "**Manny**", was born to Wanda Thomas and the late Robert Windbush at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey. Emmanuel entered into eternal rest on April 4th, 2016.

Emmanuel was a "miracle of life" having overcome health concerns at birth and matured into the man we all knew and loved, whose personality was infectious. He attended Union Public Schools before his family moved to Orange, NJ, where he attended Orange Public Schools. Emmanuel graduated from Orange High School.

Emmanuel entered the United States Army where he served our country during Operation Desert Storm. After an Honorable discharge, he returned home and began working with Prudential, as a Security Officer from 1994 until 2002. He had a passion for computers and technology and in turn started his personal consulting business.

Emmanuel was an avid lover of House Music, was a DJ, enjoyed playing pool, riding bikes, basketball, and hiking, playing backgammon, and hanging out with his brother-in-law and the guys at different work sites, while talking about cars, trucks and motorcycles. He was a loving brother, father, cousin and friend to many. Emmanuel had a sharp wit and sarcasm that entertained everyone he encountered. He was a lover of "detective styled" cars and was often amused by the reactions people had when he would playfully follow behind them.

Emmanuel leaves to mourn: his mother, Wanda Thomas, his beloved wife, best friend and soul mate, Angeline Gabriel-Thomas; a son, Donovan Noah Thomas; two children from a previous marriage, Shaila Michelle Thomas and Marvin Emmanuel Thomas; siblings, Omari F. Thomas, Tazhette J. Wallace, Marva R. Thomas, Ashley J. Thomas and Robert Sellers; and over 100 first cousins, nieces, nephews and a throng of other relatives.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Hymn

Scriptures
Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 23
New Testament Lesson – John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Solo - Mr. Kenny Bobien

Obituary – Mr. Omari Thomas

Selection

Eulogy – Dr. Marion Franklin, Jr.

Recessional



#### **Interment**

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery Wrightstown, New Jersey



# When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll

miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of the late **Emmanuel Thomas** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!



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