

*CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF*

Thomas "Bogie" Rawls

Sunrise: March 20, 1943 - Sunset: November 16, 2016



Service:

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Thomas Rawls was born on March 20, 1943 in Pembroke, Georgia. Although Amerie Lee and Columbus Rawls Sr. were his parents, Thomas was raised by Minnie Lee Durant and Tom Durant Sr. Thomas has three siblings, Ruby Lee Knight, Raymond Rawls and Columbus Rawls, Jr.

Thomas attended William James High School. After which, he moved to New Jersey and ventured into his career as a long shore man at Port Newark with Sea Land Company. Thomas also had a 50 year career as a truck driver working for such companies as Royal Foods Distributors, Pathmark, IMF Trucking Company and CSX International. Never without a job, Thomas believed that, "Man don't eat unless he worked."

Bogie, as he was affectionately called, avidly loved to watch westerns. On a Saturday mornings, you could find him on the couch watching his favorite movies like, Shane, High Noon and Gunsmoke. With the invention of cable television, The Western Channel and the Word Channel became his little slice of heaven here on earth.

Thomas is survived by his cousins, Linda Lucas, Ann Walker and Betty Jean Michel; sons Raymond Rawls {Patricia}, Rashawn Rawls {Faviola}, Derek Foy, and Demetrius Foy; daughter LaTarsha Foy; grandsons Raymond Isaiah, Christopher Elijah, DeJohn, Donald, Demetrius Jr. and Mateo; granddaughters Luna, Lishay, Nadirah and a host of other relatives and friends.

Thomas was preceded in death by his daughter, Shaunte Rawls, sons, John Rawls and Donald Foy and a brother, Columbus Rawls Jr.



Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection
“Amazing Grace”

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

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Liturgical Praise Dance
Nadirah Foy
“Up Against the Wind”

Eulogy

Recessional

CREMATION

Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey

Repast

*Family and friends are invited for repast immediately
following the service back at the church.*

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.
-author unknown*

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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