

*A Celebration Of Life for*



*Philip Glenroy Oneil Thomas*

June 13, 1949 - April 1, 2022

Memorial Service:  
Saturday, April 23, 2022 - 1:00pm

**MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**  
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

# *Obituary*

**Philip Glenroy Oneil Thomas**, affectionately known to many as: Oneil, Thomas, Tamo, Glen or Philip, was born on June 13th, 1949 in Sangiunette, Clarendon, Jamaica, West Indies.

Philip spent most of his childhood years growing up with his grandparents in Frankfield, Clarendon and attended his earlier school years while residing with them. Subsequently, Phillip attended the Cobbler Youth Program, Glenmuir and St. Georges High School in Kingston, where he completed his O' Levels.

In 1968, Philip attended the Jamaica Police Academy in Port Royal and graduated as a Police Officer. After graduating, he worked as a police officer in Mandeville, Manchester for 3 years and then transferred to Kingston shortly after.

Phillip soon was promoted to a Detective, at the Special Branch and worked as a Secret Service Detective for over 13 years for two of Jamaica's former Prime Ministers: Hugh Lawson Shearer, and Michael Manley.

In 1982, Philip migrated to the United States of America to pursue new and better opportunities for himself. While working full-time, Philip attended Lehman College and got his Bachelors of Science degree in Accounting.

With his investigative background, Philip joined the Insurance Industry and worked in the Special Investigative Unit for 26 years. He would eventually become a licensed Private Investigator before retiring in 2019.

Those who knew Philip well would wholeheartedly agree that he was a full fledged comedian just like, "Oliver Samuels", one of Jamaica's well known comedians. If Phillip was not telling funny stories to make you laugh, he was either engaging you in a deep political conversation, or a conversation about the most current affairs.

Philip's love of his native country Jamaica was so deep he returned there frequently for vacation. One of his main aspirations was to return to Jamaica with Juliet, and live out his retirement years among his family and friends.

Philip was also a devout sports enthusiast and was extremely passionate about basketball and football. He devoted a lot of his spare time at home watching his favorite games with his three (3) best friends - Jay, Wray and Nephew.

Philip will be sadly missed by his beloved Juliet (Spouse), Philip & Stacie (Son and daughter-in-law), Phylcia (daughter), Melissa, Jamar & Jason (Daughter, grandson & son-in-law), brothers Michael and Hubert, as well as immediate family members, Mavis Cohen (Aunt), Ronald Brown, The Arscott family, Geoffrey, Wayne and Pat Cohen (cousins), and countless friends and acquaintances.

# *Order of Service*

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**Musical Prelude**

**Opening Remarks & Prayer**

Pastor

**1st Scripture Reading**

Denise (Pat) Cohen (Cousin) - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

**Hymn**

“It Is Well With My Soul”

**2nd Scripture Reading**

Stacie Alvarez (Daughter-in-law) - Romans 8:31-39

**Hymn**

“We Shall Gather By The River”

**Tribute**

Roy Lewis (Friend)

**Eulogy**

Michael Bent (Friend)

**Tributes:**

Melissa & Jamar Rowe (Daughter & Grandson)

Phylicia Thomas (Daughter)

Philip Thomas (Son)

**Reflections**

(two minutes maximum)

**Hymn**

“Hear My Cry Oh Lord”

**Closing Prayer**

Pastor

*Interment*

Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale, New York

**Repast to follow @ La Roose**

**4848 White Plains Road, Bronx NY 10470**

# *To Those I Love*

To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."  
-Author unknowim

## *Acknowledgments*

*The family would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support and kindness through this difficult time. Phillip touched so many lives in a positive way that he will forever be remembered as a carefree fun-loving individual who was always ready to make those around him smile.*

*He lived his life vivaciously and on his own terms.  
May his spirit live on through us by the many fond memories we have of him and may his soul rest in peace.*

*Special Thanks to:  
McCall's Funeral Home  
The Wright family*

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