

In Loving Memory of
Earnest Lee Thomas, Jr.

Sunrise: December 15, 1953

Sunset: May 5, 2022



THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Earnest Lee Thomas Jr. was born in Newark, NJ on December 15th 1953 to the late Deacon Earnest Lee Thomas Sr. and Reverend Dorothy Cynthia Thomas. Together they raised 6 children including Earnest.

Earnest Loved the Lord. He Accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior. The word of God was written on His heart and He used it. Despite the challenges of life.

Earnest Loved to play pool, the pin ball machine, cards a long with other activities. He loved to have fun. Some of His favorite food and snacks were Chocolate milkshake along with the burgers from White Castle and McDonald's fish sandwiches and a Big mac.. he love to eat and could eat a lot. Earnest Loved singing. He could be found singing the falsetto part to any 70's Ballard along with his good friend and brother.

Earnest was known by many people. He made friends everywhere he went. His nicknames were "Buddy", "Speedy" or "Ernie". Earnest was a sharp dresser. Creases so sharp you could make keys!! He loved his clothes and shoes and He had to have change in His pockets to dine the Ladies. He was a ladies man.

Earnest Loved taking care of everyone, especially the disabled and elderly. He never wanted to see anyone in need of something that he could help with. Ernie would run errands, even if he had to take a bus.

Earnest was courageous, generous, charming, a gentleman, and a protector. Well respected! He was competitive and a highly qualified smack talker. His favorite Sayings were "Sure you're right" and "come on". His life was definitely a journey. It was filled with excitement and never a dull moment. He stayed busy. In 1968, Earnest Was a Boyscout with Philmont scout and explorer Base and received a certificate of achievement. Earnest attended Weequahic High School in 1971 until the 11th grade. Then transferred to Barringer High school. He graduated in 1972. While Attending Weequahic High School. Earnest took on Wrestling, track and field and fencing. He got the nickname "Speedy" because of his performance in track and field. He was fast.

Earnest was awarded a certificate of athletic accomplishment and physical achievement in 1970-1971. Earnest went to the USNAVY in 1973. There he obtained the National Defense service medal.

Earnest attended Essex County College School of business in 1980 and graduated with honors and a degree in business .

Earnest worked for US Postal Office Maintenance. He was very proud of his work with Newark Auxiliary Police department. In 1976, He married Lorraine Walton -Thomas-Jerido Of Newark,NJ. Together they have two children Loritta G.Thomas and Rasheen R. Thomas. Whom they raised together until 1989. In 1995, He married Lynn Henderson Thomas (Predeceased in 2014) of East Orange, NJ. In this union he gained to Bonus children Marie Battles and Gerald Henderson.

Earnest Was a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church. There he received a music ministry workshop certificate of completion in 2001 to 2002. Earnest in 2004 became a lifetime member of the North American Hunting Club in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Earnest rested at the Center for Hope for end of life Care. On May 5,2022 he took his leap into heaven To be with the Lord. He fought strong and long and with endurance.

Earnest leaves to mourn, Two children Elder Loritta G. Thomas-Foreman (Joseph), Rasheen R. Thomas (Lojeana). Two bonus children Marie Battles, Gerald Henderson. Two brothers Eric M. Thomas, and Louis L. Thomas. Three sister Including brother-in-laws Apostle Dr. Paula A. Price (Thomas), Minister Genevieve E. Hammond (Charles), Reverend Patricia L. Higgins (predeceased Chuck). Earnest had Four Grandchildren Rasheen N. Thomas, Jabrayah L. Taylor, Ty'on R. Thomas, Jewel O. Joyner-Thomas. EARNEST had a host of bonus grand- children, nieces and nephews, cousins, family and friends. Earnest was loved.

Order of Service

ProcessionalApostle Ebony Underwood

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Mark Underwood

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 121:1-8.....Pastor Niambi Payton

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:55-57... Prophetess Cammille Simpson

Selection..... Sis. Vanessa Phillips

Cards / Condolences Resolution..... Minister Lakeasha Singleton

Obituary Yolanda Jackson

Tributes (LIMIT 2 MINUTES PLEASE)

Selection.....Sis. Alicia Harper

Eulogy..... Elder Loritta Thomas-Foreman

Recessional

Interment

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

Our Loving Father

God took the strength of a mountain & the majesty of a tree. The warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea. The generous soul of nature & the comforting arm of night. The wisdom of the ages and the power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring & the faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity & the depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so, He called it ... `dad!'

Acknowledgement

The Thomas family would like to extend out sincere thanks to everyone for your encouraging words and prayers.

Professional Services Provided By

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street
Orange, NJ
973-675-6400

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ
973-926-6400

COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL HOME
37 Clinton Avenue
Jersey City, NJ
201-433-1000

