



*"Mookie - We're
back together again"*

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgements

*The family 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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Celebration of Life
THEODORE
Brooks Sr.
"T/TEDDY"

Sunrise
July 22, 1948

Sunset
May 12, 2022

Service

Friday, May 27, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey
Rev. Rakeem Thomas, Officiating Minister

Reflections of Life

Theodore, affectionately known as **Teddy or T** was one of nine children born on July 22, 1948 to the late Roland and Mrs. Evelyn Rhodus Brooks in Florence, South Carolina. He was formally educated in the Florence Public School System. He attended Holmes Elementary for primary years and graduated from Wilson High School. Growing up, Teddy attended Beulah Missionary Baptist Church where he was baptized.

Throughout his childhood and teenage years Theodore was known as the “protector” of his sisters and made sure that no one ever messed with them. He also developed a love for baseball. He was a great trash talker on the field, but definitely could back it up with his home run hits from time to time. While growing up in Florence, Teddy was trained and learned how to use his hands to earn an income. He was no stranger to hard work. Eventually he landed a job as a construction worker for several years. He was determined to save his money to make a big move to the north. In his early 20’s he accomplished that goal and moved to Newark, New Jersey.

Upon arriving in NJ, he became a glass cutter at Josloff Glass Company where he worked for over 25 years.

In 1973, he married the love of his life, the late Dorothy Brooks. From their union, they were blessed with five children. He was preceded in death by: his two sons, Theodore Jr. (Teddy) and Lamont B. Brooks, his grandson, Latif Brooks, his sister Grace Wallace and brothers William Rodas and Roland Brooks Jr. He leaves to cherish his memory: His sons Calvin M. Brooks, Ira D. Brooks, and Terry “Pop” Brooks-Collins; two daughters Tysemba Brooks-Smith and Angel Kingsberry; two daughters-in-law, Pamela Brooks and Michelle Davis; one son-in law, Eugene Collins. He also leaves his dear brothers Randolph (Deloris) and George(Mary) Brooks and sisters Joyce Robinson Alexander (David), Evelyn Evans, and Janie Bethea (Bert). Brother-in law Henry and Elijah Murphy, Robert Laboo, one sister in law Kay Kenney. He was affectionately known as grandpa to nineteen grandchildren: Shanae, Lamont, Aionia, Jakera, Damiyr, Naafhi, Dartasia, Tiffany, Latifa, Lakeya, Lakema, Laila, Derrick, Dijuan, Calvin Jr., Kaylee, Madison, Ta’Shema and Richard; 24 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In our memories, we will always remember him relaxing at home in front of the TV watching Walker Texas Ranger with an ice cold beer, but the one thing that all who knew him can absolutely never forget is all of the sharp suits in every color with shoes and a top hat to match. When he and “Mookie” stepped out, they were always matching down to the socks and sharp as a tack. We’ll miss you down here, but we know you were one of the “flyest” cats to walk through heaven’s gates.



Order of Service

Viewing and Family Hour

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Rakeem Thomas

Scripture Readings
Barbara Webster
Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: Romans 8:35-39

Acknowledgements/Reading of Obituary

Angel Kingsberry

Musical Selection
Lakema Brooks

Poetry Tribute

Reflections
Family/Friends (2 minutes please)

Musical Selection
Lakema Brooks

Eulogy/Closing

Prayer
Rev. Rakeem Thomas

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Repast
After the burial, please join the family at the address below:

TREC (Training Recreation Education Center)
55 Ludlow Street • Newark, New Jersey 07114