

*In Loving
Memory
of*



James J. Thomas

Sunrise: August 15, 1959

Sunset: June 15, 2022

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022 -2:00 PM

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

OBITUARY

James Jackson Thomas was born August 15, 1959 at 12:24 pm to Edward M. Thomas Jr and Ida Smith, in East Orange, NJ. He is preceded in death by both parents and three siblings, (Jent, Julia, and Edward Martin III). He is survived by his only brother (Harold Thomas), his wife (Shirley Thomas), Two sons (James and Jarrell), grandson (Jaxton) and a host of nieces, nephews, greats, and great-greats. A special thanks to his best friend Dwayne Patterson, who as a brother not only looked out for him in life but also post transition.

Jimi attended Burnett St elementary school then moved and graduated from Barringer high. He lived in Newark until moving to Baltimore, MD in 1994, where he resided until parting this world. He was a very jovial, friendly, and caring individual. He loved to laugh, cook, and attend church. He will surely be missed.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

CREMATION

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

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The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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