MEMORIES









































Berry Thomas Sunrise

May 24, 1940

Sunset

February 15, 2017

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

WE LOST A WONDERFUL MAN WHO CAN NEVER BE REPLACED. DURING THESE DAYS AND WEEKS FOLLOWING HIS PASSING, WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH THE LOVING EMBRACE OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. IT IS DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES THAT WE SEE HOW LUCKY WE ARE TO HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH A LOVING FAMILY AND WONDERFUL FRIENDS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SYMPATHY, IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THE BERRY THOMAS FAMILY



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Order of Service **Christ Church**



Church Street & Trinity Place, Montclair, New Jersey Rev. David D. Ireland, Ph.D., Senior Pastor Rev. Ron Gonzalez, Officiating

> Tuesday, February 21, 2017 Viewing: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Funeral: 11:00 AM

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER OF COMFORTPRAISE SONGS	
SCRIPTURES READING	Pastor Jeff
Old Testament	Psalm 23
New Testament1	Corinthians 13:4-8
REMARKS / REFLECTIONS	Family & Friends
OBITUARY READING	Tia Irby
MUSICAL SELECTION	Jena Fisher
EULOGY	Rev. Ron Gonzalez
BENEDICTION	Rev. Ron Gonzalez
RECESSIONAL	Jena Fisher

Order of Service

New Hope A.M.E. Church

233 Pataula Park Road, Fort Gaines, Georgia Pastor Moore, Officiating Saturday, February 25, 2017 11:00 AM

PROCESSIONAL

SONG OF COMFORT	Jonas Thomas
PRAYER OF COMFORT	Irene Coley
MUSICAL SELECTION (Stealing In	The Name of The Lord)
REMARKS / REFLECTIONS	Family & Friends

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Old Testament......Psalm 23 New Testament......1 Corinthians 13:4-8 EULOGY...... Pastor Moore MUSICAL SELECTION......TBA BENEDICTION.....Pastor Moore

VIEWING and RECESSIONAL

Repast immediately following services at:

New Hope A.M.E. Church Interment

New Hope A.M. E. Church Cemetery

Obituary

Berry (Bud) Thomas was born to Jonas and Clifford Thomas on May 24, 1940 in Clay County, Fort Gaines, Georgia. Bud was the 8th child of nine children. Ben (Deceased), Clifford (Deceased), Jimmy (Deceased), Marietta (Deceased), Ernestine, Gertrude, Cora and Jonas Jr.

Bud was married to Saundra J. Thomas on May 29, 1983, for 33 years, a second marriage to his beautiful and faithful wife whom he loved dearly and they were totally committed to each other. Bud would profess his love about his wife (Jeanie) to any and all who were in his presence. He had looked forward to sharing their 34 years of Marriage this May 2017, and his 77th Birthday on May 24, 2017.

Bud was cherished by his Mother-In-Law Dorothy Arrington, Six Sister-in-Laws (Darlene Mitchell, Tia Irby, Sheila Graves, Ramona Thomas, Hermina Thomas and Mavis Thomas. Two Brother-in-Laws (Renard and Demetri Thomas) and a host of Nieces, Nephews and Friends.

Bud's first marriage to Betty Enos union produced 7 children: Rose Fraser, Luretta Alexander, Janet Thomas (Deceased), Berry Thomas Jr., Terry Jackson, Joyce Green, Ernest Thomas and one stepson Rufus **Enos** who was raised as his own. All his children loved their father so very dearly!

Bud was so loved also by his Grandchildren: Al-Kareem Askew, (father Rufus) Michael Fraser and Patricia Calhoun (Mother Rose and Father Rudolph), Damond Thomas & Spouse Vickie Thomas, Betty Sewell & Spouse Jeffter, Serena Thomas and Ricky Alexander & Spouse Nika

Alexander (Mother Luretta Thomas-Alexander), Terry Thomas (Father Berry Jr.), Dwight Jackson Jr. (Mother Terry, Father Dwight Jackson, Sr.) Chyna D. Thomas, Kamisha Green, Kya Green and Avala Green (Mother Joyce Green and Father Curtis Green), Pierre & Paris (Father Ernest Thomas and Mother Tiffany Keene) plus 20 Grandchildren, 15 Great Grands and a host of nephews, nieces and cousins.

Bud worked for Simmons Mattress, DEWS Construction and General Motors where he retired to enjoy a life of adventure and fun. Bud loved traveling and racing fast cars which was passionate spirit of life. When Bud was with his crew of associates who also loved racing they traveled as far as Florida for a Race. Bud was always a winner whenever he drove his race car! Bud drove with a winning spirit knowing he was driving to win and he won.

Bud and his wife, Jeanie traveled up and down the road on a whim! When on a whim to travel he would always invite family to join him and Jeanie for a good time and Family fun.



You know when Bud's coming, look out for his Cowboy Hat, Big Buckle Belt, Blue Jeans and the Cowboy Boots! One person walked up to Bud and asked him "Are you a real Cowboy"!

