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CELEBRATING



THE LIFE OF
Ralph
 Owen Thomas, Jr.

Sunrise • June 8, 1964

Sunset • March 25, 2021

Friday, April 2nd, 2021
 Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel
 2801 N. Kelley Avenue • Oklahoma City, OK 73111
 Bishop Michael Leon Mitchell • Presiding Prelate
 Presiding Elder Harvey G. Potts, Sr. • Eulogist
 Pastor D. Lavel Crawford • Officiating



Celebrating The Life Of **Ralph Owen Thomas, Jr.**

Ralph Owen Thomas, Jr. was born on June 8, 1964 in Piqua Ohio, to Mrs. Virginia H. Irving and Ralph Owen Thomas, Sr. Later in life under the care and nurturing of the late Rev. N.C Irving.

Ralph graduated with the Class of 1982 from US Grant High School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Soon after graduation he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served with honor. He was then employed by the Oklahoma City Housing Authority, Waste Management, All-American Waste Control, Shorter College, Metro Technology Centers and The City of Oklahoma City.

Ralph received his call into the ministry and was ordained as an Itinerant Deacon and Elder under Bishop Richard Allen Chappelle Sr. in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 12th Episcopal District. He served as Pastor(s) of Mt. Triumph-Sherman Chapel AME Church, Spencer Oklahoma, Salters Chapel -Langston Oklahoma, Grant Chapel, Lawton Oklahoma, First AME Church, Oklahoma City and Moody Chapel AME Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Ralph had a passion for Law Enforcement and received his CLEET Certification in 2015. He was a Patrol & Auxiliary graduate of the Lonoke Police Department, Lonoke Arkansas in 2016 and a member of the Arkansas Law Enforcement for the Lonoke Police Department. He also received from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, his Certification as a Distribution and Collection Technician on October 31, 2018.

Ralph also established his own Security Company named "GMB - Grown Man Business" where he rendered Personal Security and Bodyguard Services and private security for apartment complexes, weddings, and private events.

Living with many cherished memories are his lovely and devoted wife Stephanie Thomas; mother, Virginia H. Irving; one brother, D. Scott (Sharon) Thomas; four sisters, Toye Hamilton, Michelle (JD) Moulden, Robin Adams, and Pat Thomas. His beloved children, son's, Ronnie Colbert, Julian Smith and Johnathan Thomas; devoted daughters Monique (Keena) Johnson and Rae Thomas. Stepchildren who he loved as his own, Antonio (Lovie) Carney, Ciere Carney, Juanito (Matina) Carney, Tonisha Carney and Tiffany Jones.; grandchildren - Julian, Tahir, Tyriq, Amiyah, Ge'arion, Tierra, Josiah, Keziah, Kalio, Kam'Ron, Kenneth, Jaylen, KaMarii, LaNaila, Aviyah, KyRon and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and loved ones as well as his cherished best friend, Lyndon Brown.

Order of Service

Processional

Funeral Directors, Ministers & Family
Holy, Holy, Holy

Musical Selection

Avery Chapel A.M.E.
"Ain't that Good News"

Prayer

Rev. D. Lavel Crawford

Scripture

Rev. D. Lavel Crawford

Musical Selection

Avery Chapel A.M.E.
"Let The Church Say Amen"

Resolutions & Acknowledgements

Mrs. Ammon Jenkins

Special Remarks

Please Limit 2 Minutes

Musical Selection

Ms. Marie Peterson
"I Won't Complain"

Eulogist Message

Rev. Harvey G. Potts, Sr.
Presiding Elder Western District, Oklahoma Conference

Video Tribute

Parting Glance

Recessional

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Footprints

"One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.

Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,

I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,

especially at the very lowest and saddest times,

there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,

You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest and most trouble-

some times of my life,

there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You

would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will

never leave you

Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,

It was then that I carried you."

Acknowledgment

We greatly appreciate Dr. Christopher Thompson, Dr. Jeffrey Miller and Mercy Hospice for the exceptional love, care and compassion shown to our loved ones. We will always remember you and keep you in our prayers. We are thankful for those who came to visit him at his bedside. We would also like to thank Rev. D. Lavel Crawford and the Avery Chapel Church Family for the many accommodations rendered to the family during this time. Words cannot express our deep appreciation and kindness shown in our time of need. May God bless and keep you as you share the love of Jesus with others. To those that participated during this time of celebration and those that wanted to be in attendance but could not, please accept our many thanks. To you that have come from far-away places, we know that you are here, and we are truly blessed by your presence. God grants traveling mercy for your journey.