

A MAN WITH A KIND HEART AND A GIVING SPIRIT



Sunrise
NOVEMBER 27, 1945

Sunset
FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Deacon John

EMERY THOMAS

Rickey

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2021 AT 10:00AM
Earl M. Temple Memorial Chapel • 2801 N. Kelley Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73111
Pastor Terrance Richard Sr. • Officiating

Our Letter to Papa

*Our Papa the "Yes" man. Whenever we needed that yes you were there. Always the one to give us what we wanted but maybe not always what we needed, that was grandma's job. But when we needed that escape from reality, that after school snack from the bed side table, that field trip to the South Side of OKC, (AKA Lil Mexico) you were there. You were there to take us away. Away from the seriousness of things. As hard as life was we could always count on you to be the one to put us at ease. To spoil us. For a lot of people these are just little things. At the same time it's the little things that matter in life. It's the little things that mean so much. And it's the little things that made you the best. Of course I was your favorite, (And that's coming from both of us). That's how much you loved us. How much you cared for us and looked out for us.
We Love You And Will Miss You Always.*

Alice Et Apryl

Honorary Pallbearers

Brother Calvin Davenport
Brother Samuel Stevenson
Deacon Hosea Robinson
Elder Hiram Smith
Dumaka Gouch Sr:

Earthly Resting Place

Riverside Gardens Cemetery
4720 N.E. 36th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73121

Acknowledgments

The Family of Deacon John E. Thomas

Wish to thank you all for the kindness and support you've shown us during our time of sorrow. Your expressions of sympathy have been greatly appreciated. We Would Also Like to Extend a Very Special Thanks to Melanie Addington and Sharon Brown. Never will we be able to thank you enough for your loving care during John's last years.

Thanks For a Job Well Done.

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

Family Entrusted Final Arrangements To:

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Deacon John Emery Thomas

November 27th, 1945, Reba Warren Thomas and John Howard Thomas welcomed into this world a son - John Emery Thomas. Growing up on a farm seemed like such a delight for this young man. He found a lot of his excitement in everything from running with his dog and chasing lizards to riding atop the big green John Deere and chasing prairie dogs. A visit to what was called town (Fredrick, Oklahoma) changed his view of the country. Soon after he's said goodbye to the farm and hello to the city life. Rickey, as he was commonly known by family and friends, moved in with his older sister and there he began attending Boyd High School. A lover of music he played the trumpet in the high school band and with his height of 6' he was no slouch on the basketball court. Living in a small town there wasn't much to offer a young man as far as advancement in society so after graduation John chose to join the National Guard. From here he went on to enlist in the Army where he was deployed to Frankfurt, Germany. During his time spent in the service John received letters of appreciation for his outstanding ability, initiative, and devotion to duty. Corporal Thomas was a self-taught sharpshooter and served as a battery armorer. Although he was not formally trained he accepted this responsibility and quickly learned the requirements of the job. Regardless of the hour or task to be done Corporal Thomas cheerfully accepted and always accomplished his mission. His ambition, drive, and willingness to work far exceeded that of the average soldier. His many extra hours of hard work proved to be a great asset to the battery. Corporal Thomas's outstanding performance and devotion to duty is in the highest tradition of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself and the battery and the United States Army. After a honorable discharge from the service with the rank of Sargent John returned Home briefly but soon established residence in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. After reuniting with an acquaintance from his early years he came to know this young lady as his sweet heart. Eventually John married Maxcine Hill Williams with whom he remained with until his passing. With this union they were blessed with three wonderful children, LaDonna Adams, Diana Williams, and Jason Thomas. John was an active member of The Community Lighthouse Church of the Pentecostal Ministries under the leadership of Bishop George W. Woodard Jr. There he performed his duties as a deacon, usher, and sound booth operator faithfully. He also sang with the Brotherhood choir where he added his deep voice to their harmonies selections. While serving on the church board he made himself a very dependable hand to the pastor and the church until his health began to fail in 2016. John Emery Thomas was a man with a kind heart and a giving spirit, a humble man. Sun Set on John's Life on February 14th, 2021. He was preceded in death by his mother Reba Thomas, his father John H. Thomas, brother Charles Rae Thomas, his sister Carol R. Dow, and his daughter LaDonna Adams. He leaves to mourn his passing and celebrate his legacy his wife Maxcine H. Thomas of the home, Diana Williams -daughter, Jason Thomas -son, Alice D. Williams and Apryl J. Williams -grandchildren, and one great grandson, Grayson Carrasquillo, all of Oklahoma City, Ok. He also leaves behind a host of relatives and friends.

To God Be the Glory for All The Things He Has Done.

Order of Service

Processional

Officiating Pastor

Terrance Richardson Sr.
Pastor of Paige Sanctuary COGIC
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Prayer of Consolation

Pastor Rosiland Pauldine
Everlasting Life Ministries Church
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Elder Hooks
New Testament - Elder Hiram Smith

Flag Presentation

Solo

Sharon Brown
Health Professional

Resolution and Acknowledgements

Reading of the Obituary
Sister Carla Branson

Special Remarks

Calvin Davenport
Head Usher Victory Temple Baptist Church

Deacon Hosea Robinson

Evangelist Missionary Mother Pauline Gentry

Sister in-Law • Wichita Kansas

Musical Selection

The Brothers of Praise

Remarks

Limit 2 minutes

Solo

Missionary Barbara Jackson
District Missionary of Page Memorial District

Eulogy

Pastor Tony Untra Gentry
Pastor of Emmanuel True Unto God Worship Center COGIC
President of the State Jurisdictional AIM Dept. and
Assistant Supt. of The J. C. Gilkey Sr. District
Wichita, Kansas

Video Tribute

Benediction

Recessional



Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

II Timothy 4:8

