

Celebration of Life: Emmanuel "Ricky"
Thomas

In our lifetime, we are touched by people in so many ways. Whether they are family members or friends we choose as family, they can change our lives forever. The life we live speaks for itself.

(Galatians 2:20). It can be measured by kind gestures or words of comfort received after we depart from this earth. I'm reminded of a song with the lyric "May the life I live speak for me."

Emmanuel lived his life in this way.

As we reflect on his life, we should all just smile. Great memories will be our base for getting past those difficult days. Whether we remember him asking us the same questions many times (already knowing the answer), quoting everyone's birthday date (great memory), visiting family or friends every Sunday afternoon at the exact same time (commitment), singing in the choir (dedication), or just seeing him riding around town, it will all make us smile.

So, as we gather to say our last goodbye, let's be encouraged. Our loved one is flying high in sky with our Lord. Corinthians 5:7 tells us to absent in this body is to be present with the Lord. So, take comfort that there is no more pain or suffering (Revelation 21:4). "The struggle is over and it's easier now" for Emmanuel.

By Robin Thomas



Active Pallbearers

Jarius Thomas Trey Curtis Marcus Harris
Antonio Thomas Alexander Thorpe Kendall Clark
De'Shon Hunt Jameon Hunt

Honorary Pallbearers

Samuel Taylor Hubert Odom George Wilson
Nathan Taylor Elisha Williams Connie Taylor
Nathaniel Smith Billy Tucker

Flower Attendants

Ushers & Friends

Interment

Douglas City Cemetery

Repast

Everett Chapel CME Dining Hall

Acknowledgments

The family of Emmanuel Thomas would like to extend great appreciation for all of your prayers, food, cards, flowers, home visits, hospital visits, and all other acts of kindness. All the Love expressed in any way truly warmed our hearts. We will forever be grateful for all the kind acts. God's continued blessings to you.

- The Thomas Family



Final rites were entrusted to:

Harrell's
FUNERAL HOME

Mr. Sidney Keith Harrell-
Licensed Funeral Director & Embalmer
400 E. Cherry Street
Douglas, Georgia 31533
(912) 384-2251

Celebrating the Life
of

Emmanuel "Ricky" Thomas

Sunrise:

September 4, 1953

Sunset:

January 9, 2018



Sunday, January 14, 2018

2:00 P.M.

Everett Chapel CME Church

Douglas, Georgia

Rev. Anthony Henderson- Pastor

Rev. Edwin Thomas- Eulogist

Presiding Elder Kenneth B. McMillian

Bishop Kenneth Carter-

Presiding Prelate of the Sixth Episcopal District

Obituary

Emmanuel "Ricky" Thomas was born on September 4, 1953 in Douglas, Georgia to Clinton & Alberta Thomas. He was the youngest of three siblings. He was called home to glory on Tuesday January 9, 2018.

Emmanuel was raised up in Everette Chapel C.M.E. Church. There, Emmanuel attended weekly bible study; served as a Stewart and a dedicated choir member. He graduated from Carver High School in Douglas, Georgia in 1971. Emmanuel went on to attend South Georgia College for a couple of years. Later he would be employed by Golden Poultry of Douglas, Georgia for many years. Emmanuel also worked at a local restaurant for a number of years. He will truly be missed by family and friends.

Emmanuel was preceded in death by both his parents Clinton and Alberta Thomas.

He leaves to cherish his memories: Sisters Jean Thomas & Verlette Walters; Nephews: Elder Edwin Thomas (Phyllis), Jarius Thomas; Nieces: Robin Thomas, Sonya Thorpe (Alex), & Kimberly Greene; Great Nephews & Great Nieces: Antontio Thomas, Marcus Harris, Sheal'tiel Paulk, Diamond Paulk, Jameon Hunt, De'Shon Hunt, Alexander Thorpe, Kendall Clark, Trey Curtis, Dwaina Thomas, Alyssa Thomas, Jade Thomas; and a host of other family & friends.



Order of Service

Presiding, Reverend Anthony Henderson

- Processional.....Ministers, Pallbearers, Family
- Selection.....Everette Chapel C.M.E. Choir
- Final Glimpse
- Invocation.....Presiding Rev Anthony Henderson
- Selection.....Everette Chapel C.M.E. Choir
- Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament.....Pastor Jimmy Stewart
 - New Testament.....Pastor Alexis Thorpe
- Solo.....De'Shon Hunt
- Reflections:
 - As a Family Member.....Antonio Thomas
 - As a Church Member.....Susie Taylor
 - As a Choir Member.....Connie Taylor
 - As I Knew Him.....Anyone (2 minutes please)
- Poem.....Dwaina Thomas
- Selection.....Nephews
Jarius Thomas, Jameon Hunt, Alexander Thorpe, Kendall Clark, & De'Shon Hunt
- Obituary.....Read Silently to Soft Music
- Acknowledgement.....Harrell's Staff
- Emmanuel's Favorite Song.....Family Ensemble
- Words of Comfort.....Elder Edwin Thomas
- Recessional