

I'm Free

I 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 my place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered joys.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow:

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savoured much;

Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my life 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.



Honorary Pallbearers

Jerry Williams | Wallace Brown | Domnique Gager
Marcus Gager | Brian Colson

Active Pallbearers

Lekevis Lampkin | Akeem Thomas | Tyrone Sirmans
Hamilton Fowler | Kennan Thomas | Keyonta Thomas
Shawn Shaw | Kentaiwon Thomas

Flower Attendants

Usher | Friends

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Mr. Shellie L. "Papa" Thomas Sr.; wishes to express their sincere thanks and expressions of gratitude during this time of bereavement. Words cannot express the love we have for each of you. Perhaps you sent cards, food, calls or a floral piece, and all other acts and expressions of kindness to comfort our hearts, we thank you so very much. May you be bountiful blessed is the Thomas family prayer.

- The Thomas Family

Interment

Crossroad Cemetery
Kirkland, Georgia

Repast

St. James AME Church
478 W. Albany Avenue
Pearson, Georgia

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:



HARRELL'S FUNERAL HOME
400 E. CHERRY STREET - DOUGLAS, GEORGIA 31533
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HOME GOING

Celebration of Life

FOR



"PAPA"
MR. SHELLIE L. THOMAS SR.

Sunrise: January 1, 1932 - Sunset: December 7, 2024

Saturday,
December 14, 2024
At 11:00 AM

Reverend Michael Godwin, Eulogist

St. James AME Church
478 Albany Avenue
Pearson, Georgia 31642

Reverend Gloria Gadson, Presider

A Life Well Lived.....

*"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my portion forever."
~Psalm 73: 26*

Precious Memories



Order of Service

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

~John 3:16

Presider, Reverend Florida Gadson

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Final Glimpse

Invocation.....Reverend Darryl Casey

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Deacon Steve Thomas

New Testament.....Reverend Janice Casey

Selection.....Prayer & Praise Ministries

Reflections.....Please Limit To Two Minutes

As a Friend & Resolution.....Sister Laura Rawls

As I Knew Him.....Pastor Paul Thomas

As a Son.....Rickey Thomas

Selection.....Prayer & Praise Ministries

Expressions of Love: Grand Children.....Renina Thomas

Selection.....Minister Vivian Fowler & Grandchildren

Eulogy.....Reverend Michael Godwin

Mt. Olive AME Church

Broxton, Georgia

Acknowledgments.....Harrell's Staff

Committal Service

Benediction

On Saturday December 07, 2024, the God who guides the stars came to a Christian loving father, brother, grandfather, great-grand father, great-great grandfather, brother-in-law and uncle to guide his soul away at Coffee Regional Medical Center in Douglas, Georgia.

He was a native of Pearson, Georgia was born January 01, 1932, to the late Mr. Dudley Thomas and Mrs. Lessie Brown Thomas in Webber Georgia. His educational background at Webber school system was shortened due to at an early age moving to Mimia, FL, where he worked with the Dade County BOE, delivering books to schools and he also worked as a security guard. He later moved to Pearson to help his father farm, later starting his own farm business. He worked for the late W.V. Blount, pulp wood, for many years, which led him to being employed with Hercules LLC., where he worked many years until retirement.

At an early age Shellie joined Missionary Baptist Church where his father pastored. He later joined St. James AME Church in Pearson, Georgia where he served on the Steward and Truusted Board.

He joined in holy matrimony to the late Mrs. Margaret Wilson Thomas, June 15, 1956. To this union they were blessed with six children. He departed this earthly life on December 07, 2024. He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret Thomas, his parents Dudley and Lessie Thomas; one child Richard L. Wilson two brothers Artis and Dudley Thomas Jr.; five sisters Verlene English, Lorena Dean, Geraldine Phillips, Carol Ball, Edna Jean Kent, five brothers-in-law Claude English, Claudie Fullmore, Otis Kent, Jack Ball, and Homer Phillips two sons-in-law, Daniel Fowler and Edison Douglas Jr.

Those left to cherish his memories: Six loving children. Vivian Fowler, of Axson, GA, Shellie (Tonya) Thomas Jr., of Willacoochee, Earline Thomas, Fanita of Douglas, GA, Steve (Anita) Thomas, Rickey (Celsa) Thomas both of Pearson, GA. A devoted great granddaughter, Rachel Vince of Pearson, GA, a special extended grandchild Kadien Robinson of Pearson, GA twenty-four loving grandchildren, Jenny (Greg), Renina (Mez), Tyrone, Hamp, Yolonda, Kendra (Karl), Martika (JJ), Shaquita, Erica, Tiffany, Keenan, Keyonta (Ansherri), Sammy, Shawn (Clarice), Lekevis, Akeem, Kiawanna (Antron), Kentaiwon, Diazjah , thirty nine awesome great grands, thirteen precious great, great grands. Two sister; Mary Fullmore-Pearson, GA, Ruth Fair of Adel, GA, two brothers Pastor Paul (Pearl) Thomas of Douglas, GA, Donnell (Blondell) Sirmans of Pearson, GA; two Sisters-in-law Blanche Thomas of Homerville, GA, Beverlyn Thomas of Albany, GA; Two brothers-in-law: Joe Lewis (Janice) Wilson of Apopka, FL, Oscar Wilson of Pearson, GA., and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.