



James L. Thomas Sr.

January 29, 1940 - September 21, 2013

James Leroy Thomas, Sr., age 73, departed this life peacefully at his home in New Castle, DE on Saturday, September 21, 2013. James was born in Easton, Maryland and spent his childhood years growing up in Bellevue, MD. He was the son of the late Mazie Smith and James Green. His sister, Glorious Irene Cooper, also preceded James in death.

James received his education from Robert Moton High School in Eastern, MD and the University of Maryland, formerly Maryland State, located in Princess Anne, MD. He was an excellent athlete and an award winning basketball player being an integral part of Moton High School's undefeated basketball team. James' athletic ability afforded him an athletic scholarship to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, (Maryland State). James was also a runner and competed in various 5K runs.

James, affectionately known by many as "Jimmy", was a strong and loving man who enjoyed spending time with his family and his weekly trips to Cowtown. In his later years, he became a member of the Newark Senior Center. He was a member of the Moton High School Alumni and enjoyed attending the YMCA. James was an avid sports fan and always enjoyed a good cowboy movie. He was employed at Occidental Chemical Company, formerly Diamond Shamrock, located in Delaware City, Delaware for 37 years until his retirement in 2002.

Those we love will remain with us forever, and left to cherish his memories are his loving children: James Leroy Thomas, Jr. (Cynthia), Newark, DE; Lois Thomas-Stansbury, Wilmington, DE; Ursula Barlow (Walter), Los Angeles, CA; Timothy James Barlow, Tarzana, CA, and James Andrew Thomas, Bear DE. Also, left behind to treasure his memory are eight (8) grandchildren, one niece – Sharon Turner (Jonathon), one nephew- Carroll “Butchie” Wilson (Joyce), and his devoted friend, Joann Griffin. His life was filled with a host of family and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. We all look forward to the near future when the earth will be a renewed paradise and death will be no more. (Rev 21:3,4)

Sherry - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ to the thomas family. with tears and a heavy heart i give you my condolences. i was blessed to have him as a friend. rest in peace my friend!!

tracy calhoun - September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM