



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR THOMAS G. HAM



DECEMBER 29, 1929 - JUNE 25, 2020

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020
12:00 NOON

GREENVILLE MEMORIAL GARDENS
7784 AUGUSTA ROAD
PIEDMONT, SC 29673

REV. ANTHONY WILSON, OFFICIATING
PASTOR, NEW PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST
CHURCH

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the family of Thomas G. Ham, would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to our extended family and friends for your prayers, acts of kindness and support during our loved one's confinement and our subsequent bereavement. Your prayers, calls, cards, flowers and other expressions of love have truly been a blessing and sincerely touched our hearts. May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord. Ruth 2:12 (NIV)

Services Entrusted to
Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary, Inc.
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Greenville, SC 29605
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ORDER OF SERVICE

- Opening Prayer.....Rev. George Hicks
- Scripture Readings.....Rev. Norris Ham
 - Old Testament Psalms 23
 - New Testament Philippians 1:21-23
- Solo.....Mr. Julius R. Cobb
- Reflections
 - Church.....Ms. Lorraine Jones
 - Family.....Grandchildren
- Words of ComfortRev. Anthony Wilson
- Words of ThanksMr. Kenneth M. Ham
- Closing Prayer.....Rev. Anthony Wilson
- Committal Service
 - Prayer
 - Committal
 - Benediction

Because of the current health crisis, the family respects, understands and encourages no handshakes, hugs or other physical contact. It is our desire to plan a more fitting celebration once the pandemic has ended.

OBITUARY

Mr. Thomas G. Ham was born into this earthly realm on December 29, 1929 in Florence County, South Carolina to the late Brooks and Essie Ham. He reached his heavenly home on June 25, 2020.

He was educated in the public schools of Florence County, SC, after which he joined the United States Army where he served in the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged as a Corporal. After returning to the United States, he attended Denmark Technical School in Denmark, SC where he obtained skills to be a licensed barber; but, most importantly, he met the woman he would eventually marry, the late Dorothy Meekins Ham.

They established their home in Greenville County and, without hesitation, he joined his wife’s home church, New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. There, he was a devoted member and faithfully served as a Trustee, Sunday School teacher and as an usher.

“Work hard in silence. Let success be your noise.” This may very well have been the mantra for our dad and papa as he strongly believed in working hard and providing for his family. He was formerly employed by Orders Mattress Company and later Michelin, having retired in 1992 after seventeen years of service. While working at both of these establishments and after retiring, he also maintained a successful barber shop in Fountain Inn, SC until the age of 82.

Being employed full-time and being a barber part-time still did not interfere with his passion for gardening as he sometimes had garden spots in three different locations. He loved seeing things grow and seeing the fruits (and vegetables) of his labor. Neighbors, friends and family always looked forward to his delicious produce.

He leaves to cherish fond memories two sons: Kenneth (Debra) Ham of Greenville, SC and Gerald Ham; two sisters, Milatine Garner and Deotha Walker, both of Effingham, SC; two brothers, Joe (Ella-Ree) Ham, Sr. of Timmonsville, SC and Rev. Norris Ham of Greenville, SC; two devoted grandchildren, Kendra K. Ham, MD of Charlotte, NC and Kristopher M. Ham of Simpsonville, SC; one adorable great-granddaughter, Kjersti Marie Ham; a son-in-law, Dr. Dennis Martin of Greenville, SC; a sister-in-law, Frances Ham of Roanoke, VA; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his loving daughter, Donnetta Ham Martin; four brothers, Rollie, Ward, Grover and Eugene Ham; three sisters, Leila Johnson, Rhodell Gabriel and Perry Lee Haliburton.

In addition, the family is deeply indebted and forever grateful for the services of his two caregivers, Joyce Johnson and Latoya Hunt; and the staff at U.S. Renal Care of Greenville, SC.