



Service of Remembrance
Honoring the Life and Legacy of

Reverend Lionel “John” Thomas, Sr.



Sunrise
April 23, 1934

Sunset
March 22, 2021

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 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 them also that love his appearing.”

II Timothy 4:7-8

Saturday, March 27, 2021

A gathering of Rev. Thomas' family and friends will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 27, 2021, at Broussard's, 1605 North Major Drive, Beaumont. His funeral service will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday afternoon at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1344 County Road 133 North, Liberty.

Pastor Ernie J. Tarver, Officiating

This shouldn't take you by surprise I told you I was going to Paradise;
I said it wouldn't be very long You would look for me and I'd be gone.
I fought a real good fight; between me and God, it's alright.
I don't want you to be sad rejoice and be exceedingly glad!
I'm not suffering, I have no pain, I'm going where there's more to gain;
I've finally made it to that Tree.
My Friend was waiting with a leaf for me.

The Life of Rev. Lionel "John" Thomas, Sr.

Rev. Lionel "John" Thomas, Sr., 86, of Stowell, died Monday, March 22, 2021, at The Arboretum, Winnie. He was born on April 23, 1934, in Opelousas, Louisiana, to Helen Harrison and Daniel Thomas. John was a rice farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ella Thomas; sons, Roosevelt Green and his wife, Marilyn; LeRoy Green and his wife, Debra; Lionel Thomas, Jr; and James Thomas, all of Stowell; daughters, Mary Leday and Evelyn Vigers and her husband, Roland, both of Stowell; and Rosnall Faye Tarver and her husband, Michael, Sr., of Beaumont; sisters, Shirley Thomas and Stella Mayo, both of Florida, Helen Williams, Theresa Edwards and Gertrude Johnson, all of Opelousas, Louisiana, and Rose Leger, of Bremerton, Washington; brothers, Rev. Daris Thomas, Moses Thomas and Nathaniel Thomas, all of Stowell, Peter Thomas, of Newark, New Jersey, and Carlton Thomas, of Dallas; a host of grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

John is preceded in death by his son, James Clifton Green; parents, Helen Jones and Daniel Thomas; sister, Ida Leday, Joyce Johnson, and Mary Thomas; and brother, Alfred Thomas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1344 County Road 133 North, Liberty, Texas 77575.

The Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
Righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death I will fear no evil;
for thou are near me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Order of Service

*Mount Zion Baptist Church
1344 County Road 133 North
Liberty, Texas
Pastor Ernie J. Tarver*

Processional

Selection

Reading of the Holy Scriptures:
The Old and New Testament

Reverend Mack Bronson

Prayer of Consolation

Reverend Robert Seals

Selection

Resolutions and Acknowledgements

Mt. Zion

Expressions (*Limit 3/ Two Minutes, Please*)

Selection

Eulogy

Pastor Ernie J. Tarver

Recessional

“Come With Me”

God saw you getting tired
A cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you
And whispered, “Come with Me.”

With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Your tender hands at rest
God took you home to prove to us
He only takes the best.



Active Pallbearers

Brandon Green
Eugene Leday, Jr.
Brian Vigers
Michael Tarver, Jr.
James Clifton Green III
Stevie Johnson

Honorary Pallbearers

Roosevelt Green
LeRoy Green
James Thomas
Lionel Thomas
Roland Vigers
Michael Tarver, Sr.

Acknowledgments

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation your many kind condolences at the hour of bereavement. It's because of you and the strength of God that our days have been made brighter. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. Thank you, and may God bless you always.

-The Family of Reverend Lionel “John” Thomas, Sr.

Interment

Fairview Cemetery
223 Cemetery Road
Winnie, Texas 77665

Final Arrangements Entrusted To



1605 North Major Drive | Beaumont, Texas

Please sign Rev. Thomas' guest book and share your memories at www.broussards1889.com