

"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 (KJV)

*Celebrating The Life And Legacy
Of
Eddie William Thomas*



EARTHLY ARRIVAL: October 31, 1950

DIVINE DEPARTURE : July 9, 2025

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Visitation with Family: 12:00 NOON

Memorial Service: 1:00 PM

Fairview Church of God
13703 Highway 742N
Polkton, North Carolina 28135

Rev. Dr. Donna McNair, Pastor, Officiating
Rev. Columbus Kiser, Eulogist

Obituary

*I have fought a good fight
I have finished my course
I have kept the faith
2 Timothy 4:7*

On July 9, 2025, Mr. Eddie William Thomas peacefully accepted his heavenly wings and entered his Father's presence at the age of 74. He was the firstborn of three children to the late Bernice and Eddie Lee Thomas on October 31, 1950, in Burnsville, North Carolina. Credited to his godly grandparents, Cora and Henry Broadway, Eddie accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and was baptized at the Church of God in Burnsville, North Carolina. He faithfully attended Sunday school and church with his grandparents and sisters.

Later, upon his move to Washington, D.C., he continued to serve the Lord as a member of Mount Calvary Word of Faith Baptist Church for years and was a faithful member until his health no longer allowed him to attend.

Eddie received his formal education in the Anson County public school system. After completing Bowman Senior High School in Wadesboro, North Carolina, he moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, and attended Charlotte Community College. In 1969, he was drafted and proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Credited to his heroic veteran performance, he was recognized as a distinguished recipient of the Purple Heart for his bravery and sacrifice. Additionally, he received numerous National Defense Service Medals, including the Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Service Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge, Sharpshooter (Rifle), Marksman (Pistol), and Sharpshooter (MGM-60). His courage and dedication to his country will always be honored and remembered.

He was known for his strong work ethic, loving spirit, laughter, wisdom, generosity, and unwavering kindness. During many years while working at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Washington, D.C., he touched many lives through his mentorship and volunteer efforts. His memories will live forever and be engraved in the hearts of his loved ones and those whose lives he has touched, because of his compassion and willingness to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever it was needed.

In addition to his parents, Bernice and Eddie Lee, and grandparents Cora and Henry Broadway, and Bessie and Morn Thomas, he was preceded in death by one sister, Lisa Thomas, and one grandchild, Dalvin Watkins. Also, there are many aunts, uncles, and others joyfully awaiting in heaven to greet him.

In the hearts of those remaining, precious thoughts of him will be cherished forever by his loving son, Mr. Derick Medley, Burnsville, North Carolina, two grand children Dorantay Watkins, Derrick Wensil, and five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Gwendolyn Thomas, The Villages, Florida, and Sharon Thomas James (Anthony), Accokeek, Maryland; one sister/cousin, Dr. Ruby Broadway, New Orleans, Louisiana; two brothers, Reggie Thomas, Washington, D.C. and Reginald Thomas, Lake Arbor, Maryland; two aunts, Mrs. Lucille Covington (Dr. Johnny), The Villages, Florida; Mrs. Betty Broadway, Washington, D.C., and Beau, his companion military dog, along with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Order of Service

Family Processional

Family Visitation.....12:00-1:00 PM

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament.....Psalms 23Deaconess Lula Jackson

The New Testament.....St. John 14:1-4.....Rev. Linda Parker

Prayer

Solo.....Sis. Genova Griffin

Words of Condolence

Reflections

Family

Friend(s)

Classmate(s) of 1969

Obituary Reading.....Silent Reading

MusicHeaven Waits for Me

EulogyRev. Columbus Kiser

Final Viewing Accompanied with Music.....Goin' up Yonder
Tramaine Hawkins Rendition

Committal

Military Honors.....U.S. Army Honor Guard
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Benediction

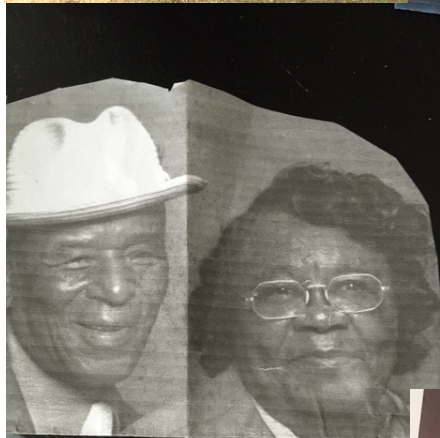
RecessionalI Will Always Love You
Whitney Houston

Interment

Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
183 Rocky Mount Church Road
Polkton, North Carolina

A MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN

*I'm writing this from Heaven,
where I dwell with God up above.
Where there's no more tears or sadness,
there's just eternal love.
Please do not be unhappy,
because I am out of sight.
Remember that I am with you,
every morning, noon and night.
And I will stay beside you, every day, week and year.
And when you are sad,
I'll still be there to wipe away your tears.
But do not be afraid to cry,
it does relieve the pain.
Remember, there wouldn't be flowers,
unless we first had rain.
I wish I could tell you,
of all that God has planned.
But even if I were able to,
you wouldn't understand.
When you're going down the street,
and you've got me on your mind.
I'm walking in your footsteps,
only half a step behind.
And if you feel a gentle breeze,
or wind upon your face.
Remember, it's only me,
with a loving soft embrace.*







Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Flower Bearers
Family and Friends

Acknowledgement From the Family

The family extends its sincere appreciation in acknowledgment of your many kind expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement. Thanks also to Washington DC Veterans Medical Center and Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Maryland, along with all the doctors, nurses, and caretakers who provided loving care to our dearly beloved Eddie. Please continue to lift us in prayer.

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**Fairview Church of God
Fellowship Hall**

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