

*How great
thou art!*

*When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation*

*And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart!*

*Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim:*

“My God, how great thou art!”

*Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to thee,*

How great thou art!

How great thou art!

Funeral Services

For the Late

Bryant Sidney Thomas ***(Jaybird)***



Sunday, March 15, 2015
5:00 P.M.

Bethesda Apostolic Church
249 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT

Dist. Elder Dale I. Shaw, Sr.
Officiant

Services Entrusted To
Paul A. Shaker/Farmingdale Funeral Home
764 Farmington Avenue
New Britain, CT

Obituary

Bryant Sidney Thomas

Bryant Sidney Thomas, 61, a longtime resident of Enfield, CT departed this life after a long illness on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at St. Francis Hospital, in Hartford, CT. He was affectionately known as 'Jaybird'.

Born in Hartford, CT on June 22, 1953. He was the son of William A. and the Late Carolyn (Ross) Thomas.

Bryant attended schools in Hartford where he graduated in 1972 from the Albert I. Prince Technical School. He was employed by Gerber Scientific in South Windsor, CT and Roll-a-Way Skating Rink as a DJ/Skate Guard in Agawam, Ma. Bryant was a lover of his family, people and life. Nascar, skiing and roller skating were a few of his treasured pastime.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his father, William A Thomas Sr. two brothers, William Jr(chunky) and Lawrence (Dewey) Thomas; one sister, Robin (Keith) Shaw, all of New Britain, CT; two god sisters, Indura Cline and Marjorie Hathaway of Texas. One godson Scott Rainville, nieces: Raven, Nicole, Crystal, Tia, Keisha, Desiree, Lenashja, Taymara and Suheidy. nephews, Lawrence, Randy, Joshua and Malxavier. Aunts, Ramona Bingham, Patricia Bingham, Marylou Bingham, and Helen Johnson, one uncle, Otis Ross, Jr. His extended family which whom he resided with for the past 30 plus years, Mrs. Gloria Leander and her son Thomas Leander of Enfield, CT and a host of other family and friends.

Speak Their Name

Someone I love has gone away
And life is not the same
The greatest gift that you can give
Is just to speak their name

I need to hear the stories
And the tales of days gone past
I need for you to understand
These memories must last

We cannot make more memories
Since they're no longer here
So when you speak of them to me
It's music to my ear.

Submitted by David Cross

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Deacon James D. McCoy
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

Congregational Hymnal.....A Friend We Have in Jesus

Old Testament Reading.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Evangelist Carolyn Hicks

New Testament Reading.....Matthew 24:31-46
Elder Terry Forde

Musical SelectionBethesda Apostolic Choraleers

Reflections.....Family/Friends

TributeFred Arcoleo

Acknowledgements, Reading of Cards
and Obituary.....Sis. Sandra Forde

Musical SelectionBethesda Apostolic Choraleers

Eulogy.....District Elder Dale I. Shaw, Sr.
Pastor, Bethesda Apostolic Church

Mortician's Brief

Burial at the Convenience of the Family

Benediction

Pallbearers

Phillip Bingham
Steve Daly
Tony Cremoniti

Thomas Leander
Scott Theroux
Scott Cross

Words of Appreciation

Our heads are bowed in sorrow over the passing of our loved one, yet during this sad hour, you have lifted many of our burdens, for which we are indeed grateful. The many expressions of love and sympathy shall never be forgotten. From the depths of our hearts, we say...Thank You! A special word of thanks to Dist. Elder Dale I. Shaw, Sr. and the Bethesda Apostolic Church, for the love and support you have shown to our family during our bereavement. WE are also grateful beyond measure for the generous outpouring of the many expressions of tender loving sympathetic concern which have been a well-spring of warm consolation. When time permits with circumstance rendered and more adjustments made, personal acknowledgements will be submitted. May the choicest blessings of Almighty God be in your hearts abundantly. You are invited for repast, to greet the family, following these services in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.



Bryant Jaybird Thomas

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BRYANT S. THOMAS**

AGE: 61

**SUNRISE - JUNE 22, 1953
HARTFORD, CT.**

**SUNSET - MARCH 7, 2015
HARTFORD, CT.**

**HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015 @5 P.M.
BETHESDA APOSTOLIC CHURCH
249 STANLEY ST.
NEW BRITAIN, CT
ELDER DALE I. SHAW, PASTOR
PRESIDING**

CREMATION TO FOLLOW FUNERAL

**SERVICE OF COMFORT:
PAUL A. SHAKER
FUNERAL HOME
764 FARMINGTON AVENUE
NEW BRITAIN, CT**