

Celebrating
the Life of
Mr. Thomas Thames



Sunrise
September 27, 1931

Sunset
May 11, 2015

The Obituary

Life's voyage came to an end for **Thomas Thames** on Monday, May 11, 2015 at his residence in Manning, South Carolina.

Born in Manning, on September 27, 1931, he was one of eight children of the late Riley and Pearl Weeks Thames.

At an early age, **Thomas** joined Mt. Zero Missionary Baptist Church. His formal education was obtained in the public schools of Clarendon County. Eventually, **Thomas** relocated to Boston, Massachusetts to pursue better job opportunities. Shortly thereafter, he began employment with Massachusetts General Hospital.

Thomas was joined in marriage to Ruby Bell Blanding and to this union five sons and one daughter were born.

After years of employment in Boston, he returned to Manning, South Carolina and began employment with a Construction Company as one of the first blacks to be hired during that time.

Later, **Thomas** became a devoted friend to Peggy McBride, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by four sons, Thomas Lee, Floyd, Steve and Ricky Thames; one daughter, Francine Thames; four sisters, Gladys, Jessie, Emel and Lillie; nine stepchildren, John Jr., Timothy, Lee Ernest, Alvin, Ervin, Ralph, Brenda, Theresa and Juanita; one sister-in-law, Elloree Gooden; one uncle, James Weeks; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren; several step-great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents and devoted friend, one son, Bubby Lee; one sister, Geneva Haygood and two brothers, Riley Jr. and Levi Thames preceded him in death.