



Rev. Thomas William Allen

November 4, 1944 - July 29, 2020

November 4, 1944, Edward Jackson and Ernestine Kizzar Crooks Allen; William and Anna Allen; Thomas and Jo Etta Crooks REJOICED when they heard the birth CRIES of their son and grandson – Thomas William Allen. Wednesday, July 29, 2020, as Thomas and the hosts of heaven REJOICED, children: Lafayette (Jennifer), Kevin, Thomas II (Selena), Michael, Sean (Angelique), Jasmine, Jolie, Edward (Maya), and Thomas Ethan (Brittany); siblings: Norman (Elaine), Edwina, Jo Etta, Anna (Charles); Uncle - Frank, Aunt - Mary Ethel and lifelong special cousin J.B.; bonus children: Stacey, Genita (David), and Coleman (Jessica); the Gano Street Group; the Tuesday Night Bible Class; the Zion Brotherhood; the men of MOCK, Inc.; and countless others - CRIED!

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents to include Clyde Carr Crooks; uncles William and Dr. James Allen and Roger Thomas Crooks; Aunts Elsie Allen Smith and Peggy Allen Hunt and Virginia Maxine Crooks; and the love of his life – Ertha Faye Salyers Allen.

He was gifted academically and athletically but would become disinterested in a subject or sport once satisfying his curiosity of being able to do it. Thomas was in the next to last graduating class of Western High School and was also a graduate of Western Kentucky Vocational School and earned certificates in a myriad of subjects. He faithfully and voluntarily served our country during the height of the Viet Nam War attaining the rank of sergeant. Upon returning home he and his family moved to Louisville, Kentucky where he was

promoted to Assistant Store Manager at Consolidated Sales Company, which was a major accomplishment for a black man during that time period.

Thomas went on to explore self-employment in business ventures to include tailoring, janitorial contracts, painting and plastering. Thomas became a member of the Masonic Lodge and provided the groundwork to establish the Lexington chapter of NABVETS.

No career choice or temporal pleasure satisfied Thomas until he accepted his call to become a minister of the gospel. It was in that calling that he found his true passion! He became an ardent bible student who was able to use his nearly photographic memory to devour hundreds of books a year. From that he went on to form the Brotherhood at Zion Baptist in Paris, KY. There he taught the men precept upon precept of the Word of God as well as Baptist Polity and Policy. He would use his teaching skills and in depth bible knowledge to form and establish the longest running bible study class at Shiloh – the Tuesday Night Bible class.

Young and old seeking wise counsel would often consult with Rev. Allen. He did not take that trust lightly and has taken many confidences with him to the grave. At every funeral, Thomas would always remind us “to make sure your house is in order.”

Mixing his love for young people and social justice, he became a founder and president of M.O.C.K., Inc. (Ministers Of Christ’s Kingdom). He was a devoted family man and his family was inclusive.

In His youth he was known as: Slick, Snake, Mr. Temptation, and Dr. Hercules. To his nieces and nephews, he was known affectionately as Uncle “T”. To some he was known as “Grand “T” but to his grand-baby Haley, he was simply the best Poppaw. But to all who knew and loved him he was Thomas “W” because the “W” stood for Wonderful. Now that “W” stands for Well Done! “If you miss me teaching and preaching down here, out in the sunshine, out in the rain, I’m going home to live with my Jesus, won’t it be grand! Oh, won’t it be grand!”

Cemetery Details

Camp Nelson National Cemetery

6980 Danville RD
Nicholasville, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Unity Worship Center
1975 Haggard Ct
Lexington, KY 40511

Service

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Graveside

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *R I P Tommy!!!!*



Mary Trumbo - August 07, 2020 at 11:56 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rev. Thomas William Allen.*



August 07, 2020 at 10:09 AM