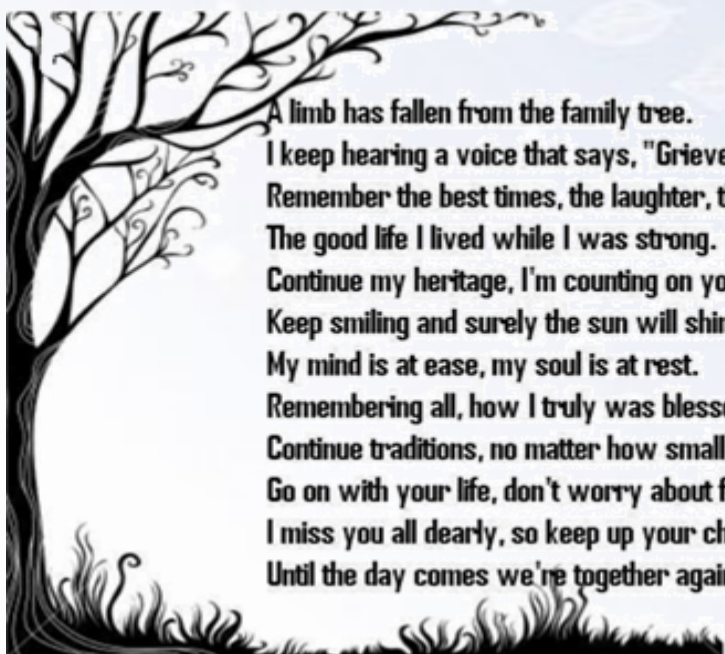


~ Acknowledgement ~

With grateful hearts, we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you for your prayers, cards, visits, flowers, words of comfort and many other acts of kindness. Your expressions of sympathy brought a measure of strength and peace that consoled our hearts. May God bless and keep you forever and ever in His care. ~ The Family ~



A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.  
Until the day comes we're together again.

**Repast**

The Family will receive Friends at:  
6216 N. 41st Street  
Tampa Florida 33610

Arrangements Entrusted To:  
Gudes Funeral Home  
4050 East Hillsborough Avenue  
Tampa Florida 33610  
Phone Number: 813.626.5000  
"A Temple of Service"

A  
*Celebration of  
Life*  
for *TJ*

MR. THOMAS J. HAMILTON, SR.



NOVEMBER 2, 1943 ~ MARCH 21, 2021



Saturday ~ April 3, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery  
4615 East Hanna Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33610  
Elder Julius Hamilton, Officiating

## TJ's LIFE FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET

Mr. Thomas John Hamilton, Sr. was the second son of Mr. John Henry and Bertha Lee Walters Hamilton and he was born on November 2, 1943 in Byromsville, of Dooley County, Georgia.

TJ or Blackboy as he was affectionately known by his family and many friends, attended the public schools of Hillsborough County when the family moved to Tampa, Florida in 1952. He lived a full life loving his family and many friends and filled his pastime with cars and watching sports on TV. He retired from Langston Auto after 25 years of dedicated service. TJ was called home to rest by his heavenly Father on Sunday, March 21, 2021 in Tampa, Florida.

TJ was preceded in death by his precious daughter, Pamela Hamilton Sanderson; Beloved Parents: Mr. John Henry and Bertha Lee Walters Hamilton; infant brother: Arthur Hamilton; Brother: James Charles (JC) Hamilton and infant sister Evelyn Hamilton; Grandparents: Mr. Amos and Liza Hamilton and Mr. Greene and Annie Ruth Walters, Sr.; Aunts: Alvenia McKenzie, Willie Maude Lester, Willie Mae Simpson, Maggie Lean Fudge, Minnie Lee Oglesby, Leila Lester, Eula Nell Hamilton, Mary Lucy Hamilton and Lula Mae Hamilton; Uncles: James Hamilton, Anthony Walters, Danny Walters, Lloyd Walters and Greene Walters, Jr.; Beloved Niece, Sophia Denice Hamilton McCoggle and several special cousins.

He leaves to cherish fond memories with his wife: Mrs. Syrina Hamilton; Sons and Daughters: Thomas John Hamilton, Jr. (Johnnie Mae), Gregory Dennard Hamilton (Winona), Melvin Hamilton (Jennifer), Eric Hamilton (Yomika), Elmo Hamilton (Telecia), Deborah Hamilton Kennard (David), Lisa Hamilton Lattimore (Bobby); Children in love: Tavares and Shakiya Davis; Mother-in-law: Betty Mickens; Brothers-in-law: Craig and Dwayne Hall; 25 Grandchildren; 28 Great-grandchildren and one Great Great-grandchild; Loving Brothers and Sisters: Mae Ruth Hamilton Hilliard (Charles), Melvin Hamilton, Joselean Hamilton Hayward (Robert), Martha Hamilton, Vanderlyn Darlean Hamilton Davis, Jerome Hamilton (Angela), Ronald David Hamilton and Mark Avery Hamilton, Sr. (Angel); Treasured Aunts: Gwendolyn Walters and Lena Walters Reddick of Akron, OH; and Mary Frances Hernandez of NY; beloved nieces and nephews; and a host of other loving cousins and sorrowing relatives and friends too numerous to name but who loved him just as much.

## GRAVESIDE SERVICE FOR THOMAS JOHN 'TJ' HAMILTON, SR.

THE GATHERING ~ We have gathered here today to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate his life. We have come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss. We ask God to grant us His grace and mercy, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, and in death resurrection.

THE INVOCATION

ELDER WALTER WAITRESS

THE SCRIPTURES READ

ELDER JEROME HAMILTON

Old Testament

Psalm 23

New Testament

John 14:1-6

THE SELECTION

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SISTER WANDA OGLESBY

THE FAMILY ~ AS WE KNEW HIM ~

THE HYMN

THE WORDS OF COMFORT

ELDER JULIUS HAMILTON

THE COMMITTAL

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL

~ Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. ~

Matthew 5:4