

"Afterglow"

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy
one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly
down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times and
bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun;

Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.



The Family Acknowledgment

We, the family of Thomas James Hill, wish to express our heartfelt and sincere appreciation for the many beautiful acts of kindness, encouraging words, and prayers that have been extended to us during this difficult time.

They will forever be remembered in our hearts.



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A Celebration of Life

Thomas
JAMES Hill

April 22, 1935-December 29, 2021

Monday, January 3, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.

Pratt Funeral Home Chapel
Newberry, South Carolina

Reverend Jacqueline R. Sims, Officiating

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Mr. Thomas Hill

Mr. Thomas James Hill was born April 22, 1935 in Newberry, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Eula Mae Hill. He transitioned from his earthly life on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Hill attended Drayton Street Elementary School and graduated from Drayton Street High School. He completed a tour of duty in the United States Army, where he served in the communications department. Upon completion of his military service he attended Morris College in Sumter South Carolina, graduating in 1957. He taught in the public schools of Georgia for a brief period. He then moved to Passaic, New Jersey where he spent most of his adult life. He returned to Newberry, South Carolina to live with and care for his mother.

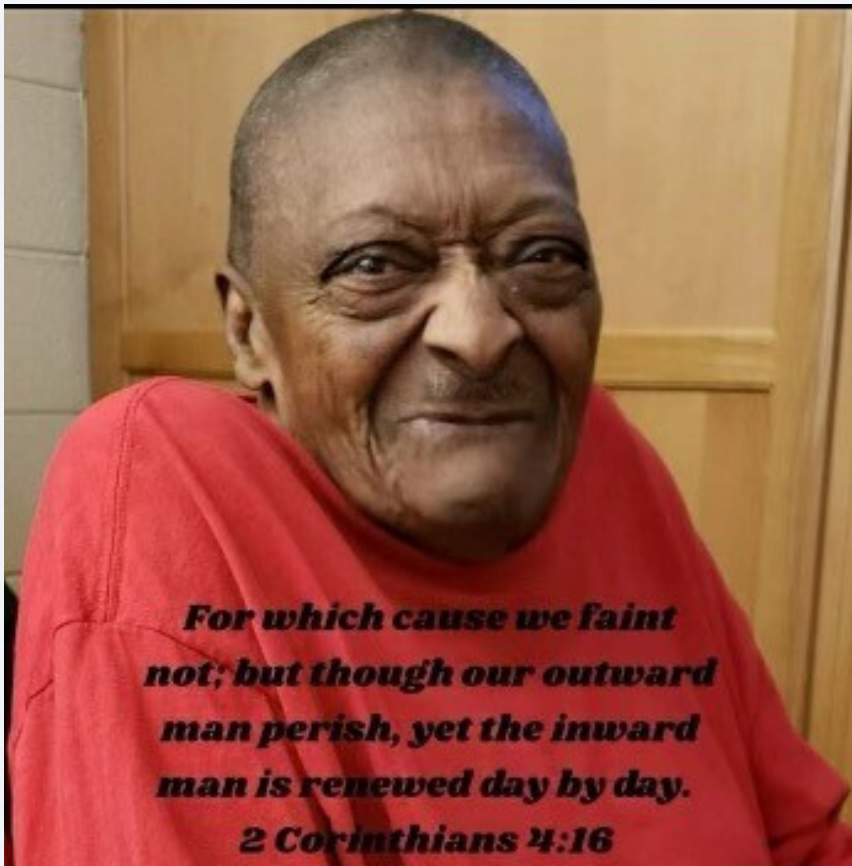
During his lifetime, he served variously as a radio disc jockey, a bartender, a restaurant owner, and a grocery store butcher. He always had a funny story to tell. He would give the shirt from his back to help and support others, especially his family. He served as an Alcoholics Anonymous Counselor for 20 years.

He married the late Ms. Stelline Isaac and they were the parents of one child, Mr. Fidel Hill of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He was the grandfather of one child, Ms. Harriett Walker of Brooklyn, New York and the great-grandfather of two children, Tyheim Walker and Jaden Walker of Brooklyn, New York.

His siblings include sisters, Elsie Coleman and Mary Alice Sims both of Newberry, SC; his sister Patricia Davis preceded him in death. His oldest brother, Willie Hill also preceded him in death. His surviving brother Reverend Larry Hill lives in Charlotte, NC.

His nieces and nephews include, Gladys, Napoleon, Jackie, Christopher, Louise, Raymond, Jr., Valerie, Anthony, Concetta, Charles, III, Renee, James, Talissia and Philip. He is the grand uncle of 25, the great uncle of 19, and the great-great grand uncle of 2.

Thomas, a caring and compassionate man, has gone from among us, but we thank God for the time we had him in our lives. May his soul rest in peace. AMEN!



The Order of Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 AT 12:00 PM

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Processional **Clergy and Family**

Final Viewing **Family and Friends**

Hymn **Reverend Frederick Smith**

Prayer **Reverend Frederick Smith**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament *Psalms 23*

New Testament *John 14:1-6*

Selection **Reverend Jacqueline R. Sims**

Words of Comfort **Reverend Jacqueline R. Sims**

Committal and Benediction **Graveside**

Interment **Werts Cemetery
Newberry, South Carolina**