

Pallbearers and Flowerbearers
Friends of the Family

"When the Lights Goes Out"

Tom, your flight to your Heavenly Home was sudden. You mean the world to us. You came into our lives when we felt the need to help someone other than ourselves. The friendship, understanding, and encouragement you brought to us, we shall hold onto forever.

You were a true blessing to Clyde and James. Our home and life is empty without you, I know we must go on. I know it will take a long time to mend our broken hearts. God will see us through this. We still feel your presence in our home and we hope it never goes away.

You were good for us and in return we were good for you. We know someday we will be together again, for now, rest in peace.

We will love you forever.

Your sons,

James and Clyde

Acknowledgement

We wish we could thank each of you personally, but we had so many people who expressed their love and concern. There were those who called to say they cared, those who sent flowers and cards expressing their sympathy, and those who sent up prayers.

Words cannot express our gratitude, but please know we appreciate you from the depth of our hearts.

The Rewards

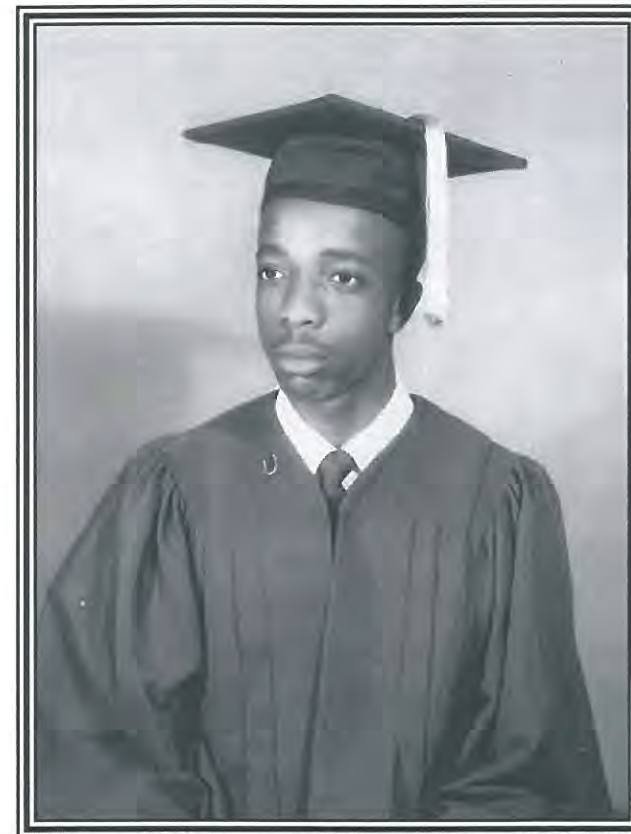
His spirit, we shared in life, we give back to our Heavenly Father. Knowing that his life was fulfilled with God's blessing and that he will find a renewed responsibility in the great beyond.

~~The Family~~



Homegoing Celebration
For

Thomas Neal Maples



Sunrise
September 7, 1932

Sunset
July 23, 2011

Service

Sunday, July 31, 2011
6:30 PM

Unity Mortuary Chapel
1425 McCalla Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee 37915

Elder Zack Flack, Officiating

Reflections of a Life Well Lived

THOMAS NEAL MAPLES, affectionately known to all as "Tom" went to be with his Heavenly Father on July 23, 2011 at home. Tom was born September 7, 1932 in Birmingham, Alabama to Jessie Maples and Eddie Maples.

Tom was a Boy Scout as a young man. He graduated from Austin High School in the Class of 1952. He was a cook by profession for many years. He also served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Tom lived in New York, Connecticut and South Carolina before returning to Knoxville.

He was preceded in death by: mother, Jessie Maples; father, Eddie Maples; brothers, Willie A. Woodruff, George H. Woodruff, Eddie Maples, John Maples and John Sam Ogleby.

He leaves to cherish his memory: daughters, Robin Everett; son in law, Jeremiah Everett of New York, Janet Parks of New York; son, James Smith; devoted niece, Carrie (Clarence) Arnold; sister-in-laws, Oralee Maples, Edna Mae Carter, Genneve Parks, Mittie Woodruff; special friend and care giver, Clyde Barnard; devoted friends, Terry Smith, Gloria Smith; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends; long-life friends, the Smith, Arnolds, Tates, Termons, Coats and Kennebrew families.



Order of Service

Processional

Family Hour: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Hymn "Because He Lives"
Congregation

Scripture
Old Testament Minister Vincent Brown
New Testament Minister Anthony Maples

Prayer of Comfort Anthony Maples

Selection Thompsonaires

Poem Rose B. Davis

Reflections (2 minutes limit) Family & Friends

Selection Thompsonaires

Silent Reading of Obituary (Soft Music)

Selection Thompsonaires

Eulogy Elder Zack Flack

Recessional



Interment

Monday, August 1, 2011

1:30 PM

Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery

5901 Lyons View Pike

Knoxville, Tennessee 37919