



Thomas Rayfield Donaldson

February 21, 1945 - May 22, 2009

Thomas Rayfield Donaldson, son of the late William Donaldson and Ophelia-Shearin Donaldson was born on February 21, 1945 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was the second oldest of six children. Rayfield, as he was affectionately known, departed this life early Friday morning on May 22, 2009. Rayfield received his education in the public school system. He graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Baltimore City where he lettered in track. Rayfield enjoyed learning new things and was a great debater. He continued his education at Baltimore City Community College. Rayfield worked at Bethlehem Steel. He also worked in the real estate and insurance industries. These career choices did not hold his interest or challenge his creative talent. Rayfield later became an entrepreneur, which really began as a young boy with his Afro newspaper route. Often, he took his sister Barbara Ann along to help sell his papers. Rayfield became self-employed and began his painting and home improvement business. As a very young man, Rayfield met and married his teen sweetheart, Marguerite Augins (Weasel). They were united at St. Matthews United Methodist Church. Their marriage ended in divorce. However, they were blessed with one child, Thomas Ray Donaldson. During the years of coaching for the Northwood Little League, Rayfield spent many hours on the field with his son Ray. He later met Anita Tucker, a life long friend, who preceded him in death. They were blessed with two sons, Clinque and William Jamal Donaldson. Over the years, Rayfield maintained a bond with his childhood friends, most of whom called him scrooge. During their teen and

young adult years, they formed a social club. Many of us can attest to the good times had at events the club sponsored. Rayfield enjoyed jazz and photography. It was not uncommon for him to ask his brother Buzz or one of his sisters, Val, Chris, Barbara Ann or Toya to strike a pose. Rayfield leaves to cherish his memories three sons: Thomas Ray, Clinque and William Jamal Donaldson. Five siblings; Ophelia Brown Carter (Val), Christana Donaldson, Barbara Ann Johnson, Lorenzo Donaldson, and Toya Parrish of Orlando Florida. Seven grandchildren. One ninety-seven years old aunt, Sue Everett of Flushing New York, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. He holds a special affinity to all his old friends of the neighborhood who have remained faithful over the years.

Tribute Wall



“ Thomas Rayfield Donaldson

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“ Taneeka Johnson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Rayfield Donaldson



Taneeka Johnson - July 25, 2011 at 07:57 PM



“ I would like to convey my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. The Bible teaches about a future time when "all those in the memorial tombs will come out by means of a resurrection" (John5:28-29) to life on a paradise earth (Psalm37:11,29). May you find solace in the "God of all comfort" (2Cor1:3-4) and he will sustain you during this difficult time (Psalm55:22).##imported-begin##C. Murphy##imported-end##

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“ Losing someone that was truly loved is difficult. The bible comforts us @ Ecclesiastes 3:11-Even time indefinite he has put in their heart.##imported-begin##P Land##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved ones. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares: "There is going to be a resurrection". May you receive much comfort and strength from this wonderful resurrection hope. And may you draw closer to the ones responsible for that loving hope: Jehovah God and his only-begotten son, Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Mrs. Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ Val, Barbara Ann, Chris, Buzz and Toya: May the peace and grace of God comfort your family during your loss. Lean on the Lord to comfort you. Only He can help you get through. Think on all of the good times that you shared with your brother. I know first hand how difficult it is to loose a sibling. Cry when you want to, it's cleansing for your soul. But think on the good times, laugh at the memories, I know there are many. . Memories of Rayfield will forever be in our hearts. Love you all, Tanya and Family##imported-begin##Tanya Gilmore##imported-end##

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