

## Pallbearers

Aaron Johnson  
Hessie Wardlow  
O.C. Triggs

Dorrington Reid  
Willie Poston  
Hollis Cozart

## Flower Bearers

Mother's Board and Missionaries

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## Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to each of their many friends for all kindness shown them during the sudden death of their loved one.

May God keep and bless each of you.

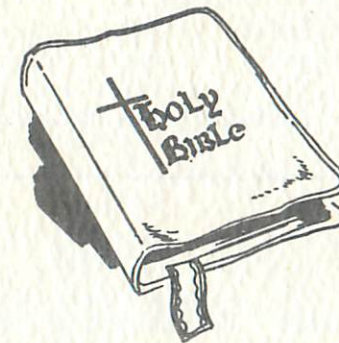
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Interment in ROSE HILL CEMETERY  
**RAWLS and BASKERVILLE**  
**Funeral Directors**  
HUMBOLDT, TENNESSEE

## Funeral Rites

*of the late*

# Mr. John William Thomas



*Morning Star Baptist Church*

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1980

7:00 P.M.

Rev. J.H. Mathis, Officiating



## *Tribute*

Born to the late Mr. and Mrs. James M. Thomas in Haywood County, Tennessee, was a son named John W. Thomas. John W. lived a full, fruitfull life among his many friends and neighbors until suddenly on March 29, 1980 about 5 A.M. he quietly slipped away to the Master at Cedar Hospital here in Humboldt, after two days of hospitalization.

John Thomas had and lived with all the attributes of a full pledge Christian and he exemplified it through his membership in Morning Star Baptist Church where he was a member until his death. The Christ-like spirit shown through him on his job, at the former St. Mary's Hospital and the present Nu-Care Convalescence Home where John helped to bring joy and sunshine to those he met smiling, as well as those who frowned with pain. He was good, he was an optomist, and he himself constantly wore a smile. He was an expert in helping others, whether they asked for help or not. His arms were always out streched with open palms turned down as he sheltered, nurtured, and assisted the old,, the young, or come who may.

He was frequently spoken of as "Mr. Wonderful" because of his favorite expression, "Wonderful, Wonderful." John was always busy on his job, but never too busy to answer a call for help during the 35 years of service he gave to his job.

His tour of Army duty lasted 4 years, with 2 of those years being spent in the colds of Alaska.

As a young man he married Miss Simie Craig who bore him a son, given the name Billie Thomas. Natural death separated John from his first wife, and a sad accident took the life of his young son. After gaining his composure from sad events he was married to Cottrell Collier Young. To this union was born a son who died in his infancy. Following such sad incidents in their lives, they were happy, but not to the fullest until fate had a darling little girl named Deborah to pass their way. Immediately, out streched arms were sheltering and protecting such a darling girl so forcefully until she became to be known as their little Debbie. Until his death Debbie helped fill some empty spaces that no doubt would have shattered part of his useful life.

His memories will be cherished by his devoted wife Cottrell C. Thomas of Humboldt, Tennessee, his daughter Deborah Turner of Nashville, Tennessee, 2 grandsons, Warner and Brian Turner of Nashville. One Uncle, George Graves of Brownsville, Tennessee. One God Child, Sidney Tobias Purham of Jackson, Tennessee, a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

## **Program**

Processional

Song .....What A Friend

Scripture .....Rev. J.B. Walker

Prayer.....Rev. T.R. Coleman

Song .....Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Acknowledgement .....Sis. O.R. Farmer

Solo .....Mr. A.P. Nunn

Eulogy .....Rev. J.H. Mathis

Song .....Come Ye Disconsolate

Recessional