



Bro. Minor Thomas

August 10, 1923 - December 29, 2018

Minor Thomas was born on August 10, 1923 to Ada Gulley and Eddie Thomas in the Falcon Community. He was preceded in death by his Wife of 72 years, Carrie Thomas; Mother, Ada Gulley; and Step Mother, Lydia Thomas; Father, Eddie Thomas; Grandmother Savannah Gulley and Grandfather Walter Gulley; grandsons Timothy Rodgers, Stacy and Shannon Thomas.

After the death of his mother, he was raised by his grandmother Savannah Gulley and later by his Stepmother, Lydia Thomas. Minor had a strong and focused personality. At the age of 18, he joined the U. S. Army and served his tour of duty during World War II in the States, France, and Germany. He was awarded two bronze stars for heroic service. His service pay was sent home to his grandmother and the money was used to purchase land for the entire family. After his return from the military he married the love of his life Carrie Lowe. To this union five children were born.

Minor studied and became a skilled farmer of crops and livestock. He was recognized and received awards for his ingenuity, cleanliness, and use of music to produce hogs. His livestock and fresh produce supplied nourishment for his own family and for families in the surrounding communities. He was the first unofficial Uber driver for the Falcon Community transporting family and friends to doctor appointments and to "town." He was instrumental in the community baseball league hosting baseball games and managing a team.

He was known as the “House Man” when he served as a bouncer of the local Juke Joint. He also did seasonal construction work and was an avid hunter.

Minor was diagnosed over 60 years ago with terminal cancer and was given only weeks to live. God spared his life and he surrendered his life to Christ. He took his determination and focus to work for the Lord. He joined the New Hope Baptist Church and became an ordained Deacon. Later he acknowledged the call upon his life to preach the Gospel and united with the Wood Springs Holiness Church as one of its pastors. He attended there until his health failed.

Early in his ministry, he held monthly tent revivals in his front yard and had a weekly radio ministry. He carried the message of the Gospel, his Bible and shared his produce everywhere he went. His hour of prayer was 9:00 a.m. every day for years as he called the names far and near of family, friends, and even those he did not personally know listed on his prayer board. It mattered not which of the grandchildren were in the house at the time. They too prayed and were anointed with oil.

Even though his health failed, he and his wife Carrie, stayed steadfast in their faith. They supported their church family and participated in weekly services held at their home with their eldest son, Eddie overseeing their continued spiritual growth. God brought Billy Roy Madison into Minor’s life in his last days. He along with his children made sure Minor did not want for any physical need. Minor closed his eyes for the last time while he listened to songs of praise on December 29, 2018 with his son by his side.

He leaves to celebrate his life six children: Martha Rodgers of Melrose, Illinois; Eddie (Urunda) Thomas of Hope, Arkansas; Charles (Mary) Thomas of Tyler, Texas; David (Ann) Thomas of Stamps, Arkansas; Annette (Willie) Thomas-Jones of Little Rock, Arkansas; Billy Roy Madison of Falcon, Arkansas.

Siblings: Minnie and Jimmy (Lisa) Thomas of Wichita, Kansas; Maggie Adams of Willingboro, New Jersey; Brother-in-laws Joseph Morgan of Wichita, Kansas; James Morgan of Los Angeles, California; Bruce Newton of St. Louis, Missouri; 18 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and a host of cousins who loved him.

Celebration of Life will be held Friday, January 4th, at 11:00 a.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church in Falcon, AR, with burial to follow, with Military Honors, in the new Hope cemetery. Officiating will be Rev. William Haynes, Rev. Eddie D. Thomas, Sr. eulogist.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 3rd, from 4-6: p.m. at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Cemetery

Nevada Rd #4
Falcon, AR

Tribute Wall

LH

“ *LaTina Morris Hollins lit a candle in memory of Bro. Minor Thomas*



LaTina Morris Hollins - January 04, 2019 at 07:24 PM

FB

“ *FANNIE BURTON lit a candle in memory of Bro. Minor Thomas*



FANNIE BURTON - January 04, 2019 at 06:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bro. Minor Thomas.*



January 03, 2019 at 11:10 AM

DN

“ *David & Karen Nichols purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bro. Minor Thomas.*



David & Karen Nichols - January 03, 2019 at 10:10 AM

HW

“ Hardy WILIAMS purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bro. Minor Thomas.



Hardy WILIAMS - January 02, 2019 at 04:38 PM

Wanda Gulley

“ Wanda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Bro. Minor Thomas



Wanda Gulley - January 02, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Bro. Minor Thomas



Sherry Marshall - January 02, 2019 at 06:41 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bro. Minor Thomas.



January 01, 2019 at 06:45 PM

PW

“ *Peggy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Bro. Minor Thomas*



Peggy Weaver - January 01, 2019 at 04:44 PM

LS

“ *LaKeisha Sanders-Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Bro. Minor Thomas*



LaKeisha Sanders-Brown - December 31, 2018 at 03:02 PM