



## Deacon Thomas

June 27, 1924 - December 8, 2009

THOMAS, Deacon Ralph - Age 85, of Pontiac passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland. Ralph was born in New Orleans, LA, and later moved to Michigan after his military career with the United States Army. Deacon Thomas was baptized at a very young age by his father. He loved Christ and was a very proud member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church for over forty years. He served the Lord faithfully as a long-standing Deacon. He retired from Hubbell Roth and Clark as an Engineer Consultant. The beloved husband of Emma Jean; dear father of David (Tonia) Lee of Pontiac, Margerite, Ralph Jr., Patricia and Charles Thomas all of New Orleans, LA, Kathy Adams of Pontiac, Wiladell Smith of Long Beach, CA; three special grandchildren, David Kamar McGlown, Yentyl Dominique Lee and Deonta Shamarr Musgraves; two special great-grandchildren, Kamyra and Deonta Jr.; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Catherine Thomas-Otis; Deacon Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, David (Ida) Thomas; four sisters, Gladys Thomas, Alma Thomas-Green, Naomi Thomas-Young, Vernon Thomas-Green; Family hour 10:30AM Saturday December 12, 2009 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 174 Branch St., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11AM. Pastor Keyon S. Payton, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Saturday. Deacon Thomas will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N.

Perry St., and may be viewed from 1-8PM Friday.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *God be with you during your time of bereavement*

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**BEVERLY GREEN RANDALL** - December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM