



## Deacon Thomas Brown

October 16, 1912 - May 12, 2017

Deacon Thomas Brown was born in Winnsboro, LA on October 16, 1912 to Pearl and Will Brown. He had twelve siblings. Thomas attended Franklin Parish Schools. At the age of 30 Thomas married Susie Rhone in March of 1942 in Winnsboro, LA. To this union, three children were born; Phillip, Betty, and Mildred.

Thomas served one year in the United States Navy. He enlisted in 1945 and served in active duty during WWII. He was injured while on active duty and received an honorable discharge. Later in his career, Thomas worked for the Navy ship yard General Service Administration in California for twenty four years.

Thomas moved to Compton, CA in 1946 and joined Christ Temple Church of Christ Holiness where he was ordained as deacon. God gave Deacon Thomas the ability to sing. He enjoyed singing so much that he joined a gospel group in which he was the lead singer. In 1962 he began to sing with the Voices of Hope Choir in Compton, CA. Continuing his service to the Lord, Thomas later joined the Macedonia Church of Christ Holiness under the leadership of Bishop Whitfield Massengale. There he was also a member of the choir. Upon moving to Monroe, LA, he united with the St. Matthew Church of Christ Holiness where he served as the oldest and longest ordained Deacon. At St. Matthew, he continued to present the congregation with many

of his favorite songs.

Thomas loved to go to baseball games and play checkers. He laughed often as he remembered ball games and when he talked about his winning checker moves.

Thomas was preceded in death by his wife Susie A. Rhone Brown, daughter Mildred L. Holmes, 5 brothers and 7 sisters.

Thomas leaves to cherish his beautiful life: (Children) Phillip Brown (Donnie) – Monroe, LA, Betty Burgie (Bob) – Locust Grove, GA, Aquwanicci Brown – Los Angeles, CA, Deizmeon Brown – Los Angeles, CA, and a special niece Denise Ladener (Woody) – Corona, CA, 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

## Cemetery Details

### Northeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery

2414 US-425  
Rayville, LA

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

MAY **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Church of Christ Holiness  
Monroe, LA

# Tribute Wall



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January 30, 2023 at 03:35 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:22 AM