

Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blows.
I am the diamond glint on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the
mornings hush I am
the swift uplifting rush. I quiet birds
In circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine
at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there; I did not die
~Mary Elizebeth Frye~

KJV Revelation: 21:4
“And God Shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and
there shall be no more death,
neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there
be any more pain: for the former things are passed away”

**Flower Bearers
Family and Friends**

Acknowledgements:
The family of Sylvester Thomas Sr.,
would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and
kindness shown to us during our hour of bereavement. Please
continue to keep our family in your prayers. God bless each
and everyone of you.

Arrangements Entrusted To:
R. A. Prince Funeral Services
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Maple Heights, OH 44137
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Homegoing Celebration
For
Sylvester Thomas Sr.
“ Skinner ”



Sunrise:
January 24, 1947

Sunset:
December 22, 2021

Saturday, January 8, 2022

Wake: 12:00 PM

Funeral: 12:30 PM

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16222 Broadway Avenue
Maple Heights, OH 44132

Pastor Ivory Jones III, Officiating Minister
Grace Missionary Baptist Church
3742 East 131st Street
Cleveland, OH 44120

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....	Minister Eric Dyson
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Scripture.....	Old/New Testament.....Minister
Prayer.....	Minister
Soloist.....	Samantha Turner
Musician.....	Minister Eric Dyson
Acknowledgement/Resolutions.....	
Special remarks.....	(Please limit to two minutes)
Obituary.....	Anita Arnold
Soloist.....	Samantha Turner
Musician.....	Minister Eric Dyson
Eulogy.....	Pastor Ivory Jones III
Recessional.....	



Obituary

Sylvester Thomas (Skinner) was born January 24, 1947 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Joseph Isaac and Florence Thomas. Skinner had five siblings, his sisters, Florence Minor, Joanne Thomas, Rose Smith and Mary Thomas passed who preceded him in death and his last sister Emma Glenn, is left to cherish the memories of her brother.

In the 1950's Sylvester moved to Cleveland, Ohio with his mother and siblings and settled in the Cedar/Central area where he attended Cleveland Public Schools and later Graduated from East High School. After graduating Sylvester worked in various jobs in and around Cleveland until he retired in 2015.

In 1967 after a short courtship, Sylvester married Gloria Jean Brooks and out of this union came two children, Sylvester Thomas Jr., and Nicchia Patrece Thomas, affectionately known as Jody and Tonya. Gloria went to heaven on October 6, 2017.

Skinner enjoyed fishing and spending time with family and friends, he especially enjoyed singing and playing the guitar. Over the years he was a member of various groups, mostly gospel and he attended Grace Missionary Baptist Church.

God called Dad home on December 22, 2021, @ 11:10 p.m. He leaves to Cherish his memory, Sheila Barber whom he loved and shared his life with for over 30 years, a son, Sylvester Thomas (Victoria A. Thomas), a daughter, Nicchia Patrece Thomas Glenn (Da'Niel Glenn), six grandchildren, Daunte', Dominick, Jazmyn, Derrick, Da'niel Jr., and Da'Nia. He also leaves his sister, Emma Glenn, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, family and friends.

Humbly submitted,
The Family