



Andre` Dremel Thomas

May 14, 1967 - November 28, 2012

Andre` Dremel Thomas was born on May 14, 1967 in Richmond, Virginia. He was the oldest child of John I. and Berthel R. Thomas.

The son of a career Army officer, Andre` attended elementary schools in Hampton, Virginia, Virginia Beach, Virginia and Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he completed elementary school in December 1979. Traveling back to Hampton, Virginia, he attended Eaton Junior High School from 1979-1982 then Bethel High School before transferring to Wurzburg High School in Germany where he graduated in 1985. As a student, Andre` travelled throughout Europe, enjoying each new cultural experience. Spain in particular, inspired him to pursue learning a second language.

He started his college career at Howard University, then transferred to Virginia Commonwealth University where he obtained his B.A. in Spanish in 1993. Fluent in Spanish, he taught at Virginia State College before accepting a position with VCU as an adjunct Spanish instructor. After leaving VCU, Andre` spent the next few years working in the Information Technology industry as Project Manager for MCI's Web Hosting Department. By 2002 he had moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, to work at St. Augustine's University as a Technology Specialist with the Center for Information Technology. After leaving St. Augustine's, Andre` enhanced his web design skills and learned interior design. His entrepreneurial spirit led to the creation of Dre

Enterprises, providing webpage design and support for small businesses and Arden Creative Group LLC, interior design consultancy for upholstery, furniture and accessories. A decade later he returned to St. Augustine's in his current position as Director of Academic Technology.

Andre` considered himself a citizen of the world, embracing all new experiences as learning opportunities. As an undergraduate he studied in Mexico, living with a family for the true cultural experience while honing his language skills. As an adjunct instructor he accompanied students on study trips abroad, anxious to help them expand their perceptions of different cultures.

Andre loved his family, sharing annual cruises with family and friends. Holidays and family celebrations remained important to him all of his life. He was a devoted uncle. His beloved sister, Katrina Yvette, died in May 2003 and was survived by her son, Myles Jerome Thomas. Andre` committed himself to the nurture and care of his nephew, Myles. He regarded his friends with affection and trust and spoke to his family about them with love and gratitude. Their support and commitment lifted him and made him stronger. His friends enriched his life.

He is survived by his parents, John Irby and Berthel Ross Thomas, nephew Myles Jerome Thomas, sister Letitia Jones; aunt; Elaine Thomas, Virginia Thomas, Audrey Ross, Valeria Turner (Alvin) ; uncles; Otis Thomas, Curtis Ross (Alma), Donald Ross (Yolanda) Thomas Barnes (Terri); honorary Godparents; Dr. Dianne Boardley Suber and Janette Booker Johnson and a host of other relatives and friends.

Every day presented Andre` with the opportunity to learn ,try or do something different. He was intelligent, caring, creative and inquisitive. Learning was a joy and a passion.

We Loved him. He will be missed.

"IF you don't have Dreams...you don't have much"

Cemetery Details

Private/Richmond

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 7. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

DEC 7. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Richmond, VA 23222

Service

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church
5100 W. Hundred Road
Chester, VA 23831

Tribute Wall



“ *Andre` Dremel Thomas*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To The Thomas Family,
You are in many heartfelt thoughts at this difficult time. May God
bless you and give you peace. Andre was a beautiful person.*

*Betty Holman
School of Continuing Education
Saint Augustine's University*

Betty Holman - December 07, 2012 at 02:10 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and
heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go
out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and
understand that you have received many expressions of love and
we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you
cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and
comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - December 06, 2012 at 02:33 PM