



## Bravett Thomas

May 27, 1925 - August 20, 2018

BRAVETT THOMAS was born to the late Rev. Ransom Thomas and Virtee Lawson Thomas on May 27, 1925 in Roxboro, North Carolina.

He received his education in the Person County school system. He worked very hard to help support his parents and siblings on the farm in Roxboro.

On July 7, 1950, he married the love of his life, Geneva and from this union, one son Landis was born. Bravett was a devoted husband to his wife Geneva and father to many. In 1954, he and his family relocated to Baltimore, Maryland.

Upon moving to Baltimore, he worked at Bethlehem Steel until his retirement of 30 years. He also owned and operated three Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise restaurants. He was one of the first Blacks to own a franchise from Kentucky Fried Chicken. He also invested in real estate across multiple states such as North Carolina and Maryland. During that time, he purchased homes for all of his children. He was also instrumental in helping many to obtain home

ownership and teaching others how maintain their home. He was a God-fearing man who put others before himself. These many acts of kindness included, giving food and shelter to the less fortunate, making the rent affordable to the impoverished community. He would repair many of the

homes electrical and plumbing free of charge. As you got to know him, he considered you as a family member not a friend. He had a heart of gold. He made sure family and friends was his main priority. He also made sure you ate a good meal (prepared by his wife Geneva) and had a place to stay. They opened their home to many and made everyone feel comfortable.

He loved watching the news and Jimmy Swaggart, and his favorite game show was the Price Is Right. After retirement, he and his wife Geneva traveled around the world with their family. He loved spending quality time with his family and always had words of wisdom to share. He felt that it was important to raise his boys to be men and hard workers and not depend on others. He never wanted his children to beg, borrow or steal. He believed that if you worked hard you would not have to beg or steal. Bravett was a quiet man with a bright smile and a kind heart.

On Monday, August 20, 2018 at 4:54 a.m. at the Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, God, in His infinite wisdom, gently took Bravett Thomas into his loving arms. He has changed his address for the last time to live forever with his Heavenly Father. He now joins his loved ones who have gone on before. Bravett lived a full life and he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife, Geneva of 68 years; devoted son, Landis (Charlene); and one daughter, Dortha "Kim" Paylor-Grant (Anthony); six grandchildren, Trina Thomas, Lavon Thomas, Jr., Jackie Odom, Trevor Campbell, Tavon Payne, and Thomas Jackson; five great-grandchildren, Marquise Nicholson, Laney Nicholson, Kai Nicholson, Aiden Hawkins, Devin Campbell; one sister, Ernestine Brooks of Baltimore, Maryland; one brother, Grady (Helen) Thomas of Roxboro, N.C. and three sisters-in-law, Geraldine Ramsey of Washington, D.C., Estelle Thomas and Lillian Paylor of Roxboro, N.C.; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.



# Cemetery Details

## Lawson Chapel

Roxboro, NC

# Previous Events

## viewing

**AUG 24.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
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## Family Hour

**AUG 24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bravett Thomas*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - August 22, 2018 at 01:28 PM