



Pastor Geno Thomas

April 11, 1937 - December 24, 2011

The Legacy of Pastor Geno Thomas

Pastor Geno Thomas, the son of the late Harvey Thomas and Claudine Bullock Thomas was born April 11, 1937 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Thomas was educated in the Philadelphia Public School System where he attended Simon J. Gratz High School. Pastor Thomas served in the United States Marine Corps for 4 years traveling on ships to places he had only heard of. While in the Marines, he became a meteorologist and could often tell you the names of the different clouds and determine if and when it was going to rain. He was honorably discharged in 1957 and returned to Philadelphia, his hometown.

After returning to Philadelphia, he held positions as a factory worker, and a construction worker as well as having his own sheetrock crew. In addition to factory work, he also began to make wall bookshelves, stands and tables. He was very meticulous in his work and would sell them under the name of "Geno Originals." No two items would be the same, and his creative work was blessed by God and people sought him out to make their unique furnishings.

He was introduced to a High School student who later became his wife, the former Joan Chavious. His work history continued with the Philadelphia Water

Department as a meter reader and later he went to work for the United States Post Office as a mail carrier. Pastor Thomas rose in the ranks of the Postal Service as a Postmaster in the Lowe Bucks County Pennsylvania area.

Pastor Geno Thomas and his family became members of the Church of God in Christ, 1st Jurisdiction of New Jersey, under the leadership of the late Bishop Esau Courtney. Pastor Thomas held many positions within the church and was an asset to his Pastor spiritually as well as naturally with his construction skills. The Lord called him to the Ministry and as a Minister he worked faithfully in the Sunday School Department.

In the early 1990's he and his wife moved to Richmond, Virginia where they became members of Community Church of God In Christ. In 1994, the Lord called him to Pastorship and he established the Reconciliation of Church of God in Christ. As a Pastor he poured all his spiritual and natural skills into building the membership, and teaching them all he had learned down through the years. He was a generous man and helped his members whenever and however he could. His scholarship fund and generosity has helped a number of the young people to attend college.

During the month of December he entered the hospital to undergo surgery and was on the road of recovery when the Lord called him home for his eternal rest. He fought a good fight, and remained committed to the work of the Lord and his parishioners to the end.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory; his wife, Mother Joan Thomas, three children; Geno L. Thomas, Jamiel N. Thomas and David A. Thomas; four grandchildren and one great grandchild all of Philadelphia, PA; six brothers; Charles E. Thomas of New Jersey and Jack Spicer of South Carolina; Paul Terry, Harvey Thomas, Ralph Thomas and Lynn Thomas, preceded him in death; one sister: Evangeline Spicer preceded him in

death;two sisters-in-law;Mrs. Dorothy Thomas and Mrs. Ann Terry, and a host of nieces,nephews,cousins,other family and friends,as well as a devoted Church family consisting of many spiritual sons and daughters.

Cemetery Details

Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road
Amelia, VA 23002

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **29**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

DEC **29**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Deliverance Evangelistic Church
1701 Turner Road
Richmond, VA 23225

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ This was my first pastor 😭 I miss u and I know u watching how great I'm becoming NSA... AKA lil Mac Verdell son...

MacArthur Johnson - December 29, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ Pastor Geno Thomas

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - December 28, 2011 at 04:48 AM

BM

“ We were neighbors with Geno for 20 years. Even when we moved to another home 2 years ago, we remained neighbors of the heart. Geno always had a smile and a gentle laugh and open arms whenever we visited with him. He truly loved helping others in need, whether spiritual or physical and we considered him a friend. We will miss him so much but will always remember his kindness through the years.
Barb and Martie



Barb and Martie - December 27, 2011 at 07:08 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 27, 2011 at 12:41 PM