



Nathaniel Thomas, Sr.

June 7, 1943 - November 24, 2020

Legacy of Life

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You believe in God; believe also in me”. John 14:1 (NIV)

Nathaniel Thomas, Sr. was born the second son of Larrine Barnes Thomas and Clarence Thomas, Sr. on June 7, 1943 in Greenville County, Virginia. God called our beloved Nathaniel of Richmond, Virginia home on November 24, 2020 at the young age of 77.

Nathaniel was educated in Greenville County Public Schools, graduating from Wyatt High School in 1964. In high school he was in a singing group. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served four years of active duty. He served during the Vietnam War, assigned to the ship USS Chevalier. He traveled to many countries during his service to include Vietnam, Central America and Australia. He was stationed in San Diego, California as well as Norfolk, Virginia. He completed his Active Duty and later re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserves, retiring after 20 years of honorable service.

He furthered his education by attending J. Sergeant Reynolds and earned a certification in Boiler Technician. He worked 40+ years and retired from Boxes to Size Inc. of Henrico County as a Boiler Machine Operator/Engineer. He

ventured into a second career as an Independent Courier for 5 years.

On September 18, 1971, he married the love of his life and best friend, Barbara Jarratt. From this union they had three children, which they adored. Family was always important to Nathaniel as he would always impart his knowledge to them. He taught them the value of education, giving back and love, while never missing an opportunity to outwardly express his love to them.

Nathaniel strengthened his spiritual relationship with Christ and joined Fifth Street Baptist Church on October 1, 1974, where he remained a longtime member. He served on the Usher Board Number 2 and volunteered for many years driving the church van to transport members to church. That was only one of the many ways he was sharing his kindness.

Nathaniel was a hard worker, rarely taking a day off. He loved spending time with his family and siblings. Nathaniel often traveled to his hometown of Greenville County to visit with his family and friends. Family was everything to him including his love for his church family. If you asked Nathaniel for help, he would not hesitate to offer his assistance.

Nathaniel was predeceased by his parents, brother Clarence Thomas Jr. and his sister Harriet Green. He leaves to celebrate his memory his wife, Barbara of 49 glorious years; children, Chantell, Rhonda and Nathaniel Thomas, Jr.; four grandchildren, Tejana Thomas, Lionel Malik Myers, Brayden Thomas and Cameron Nathaniel Woodlin; one great grandchild, Chase Dior Brown; four sisters, Olivia Brown, Clarine Hines, Julia Lewis and Patricia Trent (John Trent); one devoted brother, Thermond Thomas (Otelia Thomas); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and caring friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

DEC 3. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

DEC 4. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Nathaniel Thomas, Sr., Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - December 01, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Nathaniel Thomas, Sr.

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ God Bless my Father, I found Navy War News Article, calling him a hero. As if I didn't already know you were our hero, but you were a hero in the Navy as well. Rest in Heaven Daddy, your loving daughter Rhonda

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[http://www.gyrodynhelicopters.com/oil_spill.htm?](http://www.gyrodynhelicopters.com/oil_spill.htm?fbclid=IwAR0DOz5CEDSuBmHtLlIvw1MFg7KZrYwyEg8KM3oAUgtPIT)

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Rhonda LaTanya - January 13, 2021 at 04:25 PM

ES

“ *My condolences Barbara and the family during this difficult time.
You are in my prayers.
~Eunice M. Scott*

Eunice M. Scott - December 04, 2020 at 02:16 PM

GM

“ *To the Family of Nat Thomas: Prayers and Condolences to you all
from Geoff and Rev. Diane. I have fond memories of my good friend
as I think back when I first met him at Boxes To Size, we continued
our friendship long after I left. Later finding out that we are in the
same circle knowing the Scott families and Cee Cee's family.
Praying for your strength and peace at this time.*

Geoff Mosby - December 04, 2020 at 10:33 AM

BK

“ *Sorry for the loss and my thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Brian Kemp - December 03, 2020 at 03:24 PM

CR

“ *Connie Robinson lit a candle in memory of
Nathaniel Thomas, Sr.*



Connie Robinson - December 02, 2020 at 07:43 PM

DB

“ Know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers during these difficult times.

May God continue to keep and bless you.

Love,
Aunt Dora

Dora Burksq - December 02, 2020 at 05:33 PM

PT

“ To the family of Nathaniel Thomas,
We are so sorry for your loss.
May God bless you with the strength and the courage to get through this very difficult time.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Sincerely,
Patrice Thomas and family

Patrice Thomas - December 02, 2020 at 08:30 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Nathaniel Thomas, Sr..



December 01, 2020 at 10:42 PM

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“ The Jamison family from Detroit are offering our condolences to our cousins in the loss of Nathaniel Thomas Sr.. Liz, Daniel, Michael and Rochelle, the family of deceased, Marion Jamison Jr. Our prayers and condolences are with you.

Elizabeth Jamison (Liz) - December 01, 2020 at 04:16 PM

RM

“ To my life long friend, Fire Red. We grew up together in Emporia, VA, attended and graduated High School together. We hung out together, yet it doesn't seem to have been that long ago. Your journey here, has ended. You will now receive your reward. I am happy to have known you as a neighbor and friend. I grieve along with your family in your departure. May God continue to bless and comfort Your Wife and entire Family during this time of bereavement. My Prayers are with them.

Robert Moore (Bobby)

ROBERT M MOORE - December 01, 2020 at 12:38 PM

DS

“ My dear Brother-in-law Nathaniel Thomas, you were always a kind gentle soul. You fought a good fight, so go on home and claim your rewards. I will truly miss you!

Dianne Felder, sister-in-law. - November 29, 2020 at 10:12 PM

CC

“ *Uncle Red/Daddy #2,
you will be truly missed. I will cherish all the wonderful memories we
shared together. Traveling to Disney World, the van with TV inside
that was so fascinating to me as a child. Your famous coconut pies
that tasted just as if Grandma Thomas made it. Your delicious pasta
salad and your dog Lady. You always had a smile on your face and
always greeted me by saying "Hey Baby." I will also cherish that you
were able to attend my wedding.*

*Aunt Babara, Chantell, Rhonda, Nat, Tejana and family our
thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God
comfort you and give you peace that only He can give.*

*Uncle Red/Daddy #2,
Rest in Peace. To be absent from the body is to be presence with
the Lord. You don't have to suffer anymore. Where your crown of
glory. We love you!!*

Crisane and TJ Cook

Crisane and TJ Cook - November 29, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Nathaniel Thomas, Sr..*



November 28, 2020 at 05:44 PM

JK

“ *Rhonda, I remember your dad from many, many years ago. My
sincerest condolences to you and your family during this time.*

Warmly, Jam Kendrick

Jam Kendrick - November 28, 2020 at 04:48 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 - November 27, 2020 at 12:44 PM

JB

*To the Family of Nathaniel our hearts prayers be with you all in this difference time of sorrow god bless you all.
Mrs. John Jarrett*

Joyce B.Jarrett - November 29, 2020 at 12:33 PM

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In this time of sorrow, I and my family offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Nathaniel's passing. I am the widow and children of deceased Marion Jamison Jr. Elizabeth, Daniel, Michael, Rochelle from Detroit, Michigan. We are in your prayers.

Elizabeth Jamison (Liz) - November 30, 2020 at 02:27 PM