



Roslyn Cox Thomas

June 28, 1952 - December 7, 2024

Legacy of Life

“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die...”
John 11:25-26

Our beloved, Roslyn Cox Thomas was born June 28, 1952 to the late Annie L Cox and Emmanuel Cox in Chesterfield, Virginia. She was a graduate of John Marshall High School in Richmond Virginia and later attended J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College earning her Associates Degree in Business Management.

Roslyn accepted Christ at a very young age. She was baptized into the Mt. Olive Baptist Church family on Bells Road along with her mother, sister, many cousins, aunts and uncles. Later in life, she became a member of Christ Alternative Church alongside her husband, Frank. Roslyn married the love of her life, Franklin R. Thomas Jr., on February 12, 1983 and together they raised Leander, their son.

Roslyn was a dedicated, well- loved and respected employee of the City of Richmond’s Department of Social Services for over 25 years. Her co-workers

affectionately knew her as “the fly lady downstairs”, or “cheetah girl” because she was known for being stylish in her signature Cheetah animal print. To know Roz, as she was best known, was to do nothing less than to love her. Her stylish and classy demeanor demanded nothing but respect and she most definitely received that from everyone that knew her.

Roslyn loved to get out and enjoy life. She was very active in her community, participating in day trips as well as the community parties and she absolutely loved having her periodic luncheons and get togethers with her family and friends. Roslyn was an extraordinary person and an amazingly devoted mother who LOVED her son and her grandchildren with all that she had.

Roslyn was preceded in death by her mother, Annie L. Cox; father, Emmanuel Cox; husband, Franklin R. Thomas Jr.; sister, Brenda L. Davis; brothers-in-law, Richard L. Davis and Ralph Thomas. She is survived by her one and only loving and devoted son, Leander E. Cox; cherished daughter in law, Delshawn Arrington Cox; 10 loving grandchildren, Leander Blackwell, Christopher Cox, Jamie Cox, Kristen Cox, Brandon Cox, Leandra Cox, Johan Cox, Jasean Cox, Jocques Arrington and Jaquan Jefferson; 14 beautiful great grand kids; devoted sisters-in-law, Rita Arrington and Barbara Jackson; devoted nieces, Tanya Davis, Lashanda Coward, LaTia Chappelle, Tiara Davis, Latia Thomas-Brown; devoted nephew, Vernon Thomas-Plummer; loving sisters, Ronnie Cox and Mia Cox; brother, Emmanuel Cox Jr.; cherished friends, Columbia Bridges, Loretta Jackson, Ursula (Bunny) Sutherlin and Doreatha Jones; as well as other relatives and friends who adored her.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Funeral Homes - December 19, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Roslyn Cox Thomas*



March Funeral Homes - December 11, 2024 at 11:13 AM

FC

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Roslyn was the best neighbor I ever had. I will miss her more than I can say.*

Evangelene Williams



Florence Cary - December 23, 2024 at 11:33 PM

LH

“ I worked with Ros for several years at Richmond DSS. She was always kind and often funny.

Sometimes she would come by my desk with a serious look, I'm thinking that she wanted to discuss something. She then would say something funny about a situation, making me laugh so hard (we both would)!

I was so very sorry to hear that she had passed. Ros was a very kind and sweet lady.

I won't forget her.

I'm so sorry for your loss. I hope that you would carry fond memories of her always. May God continue to bless the family.



Louise Hayes - December 19, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roslyn Cox Thomas.



December 17, 2024 at 08:33 AM

VW

“ I met Roslyn at RSS, where started in the Fuel Assistance Program. That group had great potluck meals, especially when Mildred cooked. We had some good times.

Roslyn was fun & a lovely person to know.

She loved her husband. Roslyn will be missed, but never forgotten. The Lord called you home. RIP 🙏🕊️😊

Viesta Washington, formerly Richmond Social Services



Viesta Lovag Washington - December 14, 2024 at 11:28 PM

AM

My heartfelt condolences to Roslyn's loved ones. She truly loved you all.

I just loved Roslyn and always considered her a friend. I still hear her laugh and her funny way of conveying things. We met in 1983 while working the Fuel Assistance Program at Richmond Social Services and then worked in Financial Assistance for RSS..She was just kind and thoughtful, and she had a way of not letting things get to her. One of the last conversations we had was when she called because she had met someone who had been a friend and neighbor I played with as a child, and being the thoughtful person she was, she wanted to surprise her new friend with a copy of my novel. We ended up on the phone for a long time, but we were always comfortable talking like that. I'm saddened that we won't get to talk like that again. Ros will truly be missed.

*Love you Ros,
"Pinky" McLean*

Audrey McLean - December 17, 2024 at 08:57 PM

KF

Words cannot explain mother's love its unconditional and special something you can't describe. Mrs. Cox was mother to me as well she love me as her own since I became In contact with her son Leander Cox my brother a d best friend since September 1982. I wold like to say thank you to the Cox family for sharing a wonderful and loving person for over 4 decades prayers going up for the family and just know that Angel is with us always and heaven spreading the love she had for all that came in contact with her. Much Love from her son by love Keith Fogg

Keith Fogg - December 18, 2024 at 10:52 PM

SC

“ *Shunetta Carter lit a candle in memory of Roslyn Cox Thomas*



shunetta carter - December 13, 2024 at 07:42 PM

RC

“ We are deeply sad to hear about the passing of Roslyn. I have known her my entire life and each year she would reach out to me to wish me Happy Birthday. Sharon and I will miss you deeply because know that you are with Frank and your family now. We love you! The Cox and Logan Family.

Rashard L Cox - December 13, 2024 at 04:15 PM

DH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with The Thomas and Price Family during this difficult time. Wishing you strength, comfort and peace today and in the days to come.

*Derith Hatcher
Rising Mount Zion Baptist*

Derith Hatcher - December 13, 2024 at 12:29 PM

FC

“ Roslyn was a kind and beautiful person. She was my neighbor for many years. I know she will be missed by her family and many friends. There will be a sad void in our apartment complex. My deepest sympathies to her family.

Florence Cary

Florence Cary - December 11, 2024 at 08:17 PM

LS

“ I will miss my cheetah girl. Beautiful personality love people love family anyone that came in her presence she showed love.
Ms. Lynette Smith

Lynette Smith - December 11, 2024 at 07:12 PM

GP

“ You are one of the most beautiful people I have ever known. EDI for life. I will miss our monthly talks no matter what was going on in our life. Rest now my sister. Enjoy Frank, your mom and sister. You are all together again. To her son and daughter. She loves you both so much. Daughter in law, know that you were always a daughter to her. Please find peace in knowing that she is home now and you will see her again. Sending prayers and hugs.



Gwendolyn Peerman - December 11, 2024 at 05:02 PM

US

My BFF (what we always called each other) this is unbearable hard to put in words how I'm feeling, for knowing you 48 years, our sons Leander and Wendell bought us together thru the their friendship we became friends. The fun times some difficult times we lean on each other for support. We've been thru home goings for my parents, your Mom (Ms. Annie) Brenda sweet Frank. Know that you will be truly missed, but never will be forgotten. Take your rest my dear friend Until we meet again! Love you BFF Love you Lee and Family Bunny Sutherlin. She is busy putting up that beautiful Christmas Tree up facing Glen Side. 🌲

Ursline Sutherlin - December 13, 2024 at 07:55 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 11, 2024 at 11:13 AM