



Yolanda L. Thomas

October 21, 1968 - March 21, 2020

Yolanda Lynette Thomas, daughter of Edward and Ozelle Howell (Biological Father, Ryland Robinson) was born October 21, 1968 in Brooklyn, New York. Yolanda transitioned on March 21, 2020.

Yolanda and her family relocated to Baltimore, Maryland in 1970. Having received her education through Baltimore City Public Schools, Yolanda graduated from Edmondson High School. She then furthered her education at Coppin State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Yolanda later furthered her studies and earned her Master's Degree in Human Services through Coppin's collaboration program with the University of Baltimore.

For 15 years, Yolanda started and ended her weekday by greeting her co-workers, families and toddlers with her affectionate smile. It was her genuine love and passion for helping children that led her to a position at Catholic Charities Head Start as a Family Services Coordinator. It was at work that she built numerous relationships with both co-workers and the program's families. She prided herself with helping families and those babies.

Yolanda was such a dedicated mother to her own. In 1990, Yolanda gave birth to the "Apple of Her Eye" Sharnis Ashley Smith. She truly adored her daughter Ash, as she affectionately called her, who was more than a daughter to her, yet was one of her best friends. To enhance Yolanda's and Ash's family circle, on June 23, 2001, Yolanda met and married her other best friend, her "Alpha Man", Charles Avery Thomas. Even though Yolanda had only given birth to

one daughter, it was out of this union she gained a son, Avery Malik Thomas. The circle was complete when she had the honor of raising and taking care of her precious grand dog "Reign". Her family was her "Everything" and there was nothing she wouldn't do for them!

Since 2014, Yolanda was an active member of the Baltimore Alpha Wives Delta Lambda Chapter. Always willing to serve and give back, she participated in many different events and programs.

At an early age she joined and was baptized at First Charity Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend P.A. Kearney. For many years, she faithfully sang on the choir, served on the usher board and was Sunday school member as highly encouraged by "Mom"! She later moved her church membership to Set the Captives Free under the leadership of Pastor Karen Bethea where she remained a member until her death.

Yolanda was a true diehard Baltimore Ravens football fan, a lover of house music and definitely a "social butterfly" that enjoyed life! It was no question that wherever Yolanda went, she would meet new people that would in a lot of cases become extended family. Her contagious personality drew people to her that would always grow to love her. She was an amazing person that will never be forgotten.

She leaves her memory to be cherished by her husband Charles Avery Thomas, daughter Sharnis Ashley Smith, son Avery M. Thomas, parents Minister Edward and Ozelle Howell, Grandmothers Susie Williams and Marie Chavis, Mother in law Jacqueline Thomas, brother in law Richard Thomas, sister in law Nailia Thomas, 9 aunts, 2 uncles, 3 godsons, 2 Goddaughters, devoted cousin Bridgit Maddox, God Parents Leon and Barbarah Mitchell and a numerous of relatives and friends that loved her to the end

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

viewing

MAR **29**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center
5616 Old Court Rd.
Randallstown, MD

Wake

MAR **30**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center
5616 Old Court Rd.
Randallstown, MD

Service

MAR **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Yolanda L. Thomas, Please Click the link below.*



March Funeral Homes - March 26, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ *Yolanda L. Thomas*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Honored to have been introduced to Yolanda by Avery in 2018. Wonderful spirit. Wonderful life lived serving others. Prayers of comfort to my LU brother Avery, family and loved ones. - W. LaVeist*

Wil LaVeist - April 01, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *Jax Carter lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas*



Jax Carter - March 30, 2020 at 07:43 PM

PF

“ Sending prayers of comfort, and my condolences to Ms. Ozell and the family of Yolanda ("Landy").

Pame Mack-Cherry & Family - March 30, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ My deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Yolanda. She was such a beautiful soul.

Kim Blaney Bivings

Kim Blaney Bivings - March 30, 2020 at 02:50 PM

OG

“ Prayers and Love the Family, and may god continue to Bless .

Olivia A Gupton,



Olivia A. Gupton - March 30, 2020 at 01:32 PM

RP

“ To Ashley, Ms. Ozell and Mr. Ed...and the rest of "Lanni's" family: My wife and I would like to send our love and prayers your way. We ask God to give you peace and cover you with His great love. Jesus promised He would never leave us or forsake us. "Lanni" (That's what we called her years ago) was a wonderful young lady and even was one of the bridesmaid in our wedding almost 28 years ago. We will always have very nice memories of the times we spent together with her and Ashley. Even though life happens, and we haven't seen each other or talked in a long time, she was always our friend. Our prayer is that God will heal you and that you will smile again real soon. With Love, Mr. Rob and Ms. "Teny" Pringle.

Robert and Michelle Pringle - March 30, 2020 at 01:29 PM

CD

“ *Crystal And Geegee Dukes lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas*



Crystal and Geegee Dukes - March 30, 2020 at 01:21 PM

CD

Cuz we are so Sorry for your lost. I Remember when I met your wife with her Beautiful smile and me and her was talking and me and Geegee said we were gonna come down and visit .And we never made it .what I'm trying to say is we love you cuz and life is too short . So let's try to do better even if it just to say Hi I Love you. 🥺🥺🥺🥺🙏🙏🙏🙏
God bless

Crystal and Geegee Dukes - March 30, 2020 at 01:29 PM

DE

“ *Jeff and I send our love. We are sorry for your loss Yolanda was always kind to us. Your family is in our prayers. Jeff and Deneen Cooke.*

Deneen126@yahoo.com - March 30, 2020 at 12:26 PM

TS

“ Sending an abundance of love and strength during this time! Xo!

To my big cousin Yolanda, I will always remember you being fun, loving and full of life! I will hold tight to your infectious smile, laugh and funny stories! You will be deeply missed!
Love Always, Tenelle Sanchez (Cheek)

To my niece, may your soul rest in eternal peace. I will truly miss our Saturday phone calls.
Love Always, Aunt Melissa Cheek



T. Sanchez - March 30, 2020 at 12:25 PM

JL

“ Words can't express my sincere condolences to the family. I am so heartbroken, I will miss you so much Yolanda. Until we meet again, my dear friend. Rest in Paradise!

Much love to the family,

Janel

Janel Patrice Lewis - March 30, 2020 at 12:23 PM

SE

“ Ashley, Avery, Mr. & Mrs Howell, I send my prayers and condolences. I will continue to cherish my fun & wonderful memories of your beautiful mother, wife, daughter.



Stacy Edwards - March 30, 2020 at 12:20 PM

SG

“ Sending prayers of comfort and guidance during this difficult times. Please take comfort in knowing God is with you, he is right beside you and will carry you.

I worked with Yolanda on various levels, she will be missed

Love Shay Gurry

Shay Gurry - March 30, 2020 at 12:13 PM

QM

Sending my prayers of comfort to her family. She is with our father I heaven. May God cover your hearts. Yolanda was bright and cherry coworker. She will be missed. May God comfort all !

Quelyn Mccoy - March 30, 2020 at 12:23 PM

DA

“ Sending love to the family in this time of sorrow. Consistently praying for your strength.

Love, D

D'Ambra Anderson - March 30, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ We love you guys! Sending continuous hugs, kisses and prayers your way! Love always, Brigga along with my Waldron & Smith family

Bridgette Smith - March 30, 2020 at 11:42 AM

SR

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



shanee richardson - March 30, 2020 at 11:40 AM

AH

“ *My heart is heavy, particularly when I think of the earlier years with Yolanda. With her mom being one of my closest friends, Yolanda and my niece Robin spent a lot of days and nights at my house. I always loved being with kids and had Yolanda and Robin all of the time. She will be deeply missed and we pray for peace and comfort for mom, dad, daughter, husband an others that cared deeply for Yolanda.*

Areh O. Howell - March 30, 2020 at 11:39 AM

LW

“ *Through all this remember this smile and joy of Lanny, and that the lord don,t make a mistake praying strength and comfort*



lester wilder - March 30, 2020 at 11:37 AM

DE

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



DANIELLE EPPERSON - March 30, 2020 at 11:37 AM

DE

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



DANIELLE EPPERSON - March 30, 2020 at 11:36 AM

DT

“ You are in my thoughts and prayer may God hold you in his unchanging hands through your time of comfort



Deanna Turner - March 30, 2020 at 11:36 AM

QW

“ My family and I send our condolences with healing prayers and comforting hugs.



QUINN WELLS - March 30, 2020 at 11:08 AM

YG

“ Yolanda, my fellow dog lover and House Sister. My heart is heavy but my memories will continue to bring me joy. Your smile will be missed dearly, my Sister.

Yvette Gibson - March 30, 2020 at 11:06 AM

RW

“ Until we see each other again my sister...



REGINA WHITE - March 30, 2020 at 10:27 AM

M.

“ We know you are going through a tough time right now. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. May flights of Angels take her home!



M.Thompson - March 30, 2020 at 10:23 AM

KP

“ Kayla Palmer lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Kayla Palmer - March 30, 2020 at 10:11 AM

KA

“ REST IN PEACE YOLANDA



KAREN - March 30, 2020 at 10:04 AM

SC

“ Sending my deepest condolences and prayers of strength.... 🙏❤️

Shirell C. - March 30, 2020 at 10:04 AM

DB

“ I'm sending my condolences to your family at this time of need.

Donna Barlage - March 30, 2020 at 08:56 AM

KB

“ Yolanda (Landy), always and I mean ALWAYS made me laugh until I had tears streaming down my face. I am going to miss my House Music partner in crime.... but I know she is with the Angels, dancing, smiling and surely she God cracking up too.

Blessing Chica... until we dance and laugh again

muah.

Kelli.

Kelli Bigelow - March 30, 2020 at 08:49 AM

SM

“ Scherry Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas

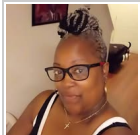


Scherry Montgomery - March 30, 2020 at 07:55 AM

AR

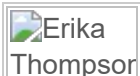
“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences and prayers to the family of Mrs. Yolanda Thomas and all those who love and know her. To be absent from this earth means to be in the presence of God. I ask that God continue to guide and comfort the family and friends during this time of bereavement.-Ashley Riley (Catholic Charities Head Start Parent/Dukeland Site) .

Ashley Riley - March 29, 2020 at 08:30 PM



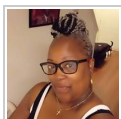
“ Know that you are in our prayers during this difficult time you're Catholic charity family Ms.Charlene and Ms. Stephanie

Charlene Thomas - March 29, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ Charles my prayers are with you and your family. She was always a pleasure and greeted us with the biggest smile that resonated to everyone around her. She will be missed but not forgotten!
Erika & Troy

Erika Thompson - March 29, 2020 at 06:36 PM



Know that you are in our prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. You're Catholic charity family Ms Charlene and Ms Stephanie.

Charlene Thomas - March 29, 2020 at 07:01 PM

JV

“ I’ve often run into Yolanda around town over the years. The last time we spoke was few months ago. I told her thanks for looking out for my baby, great niece Zaya Moore. She said that I know you have my family in prayer. She also shared her love for House Music.

I continue to pray for the family. Matthew 5:4

Jackie Vincent - March 29, 2020 at 06:11 PM

WB

“ Avery, Ashley, Charles, Mr & Mrs. Howell: Family, I'd like to take this moment to express my heartfelt condolences. Yolanda's smile and shining personality will forever be missed, but her spirit will live strong for eternity. I love you all. You remain in my prayers.

-Wanda M. Bibbins

Wanda Bibbins - March 29, 2020 at 05:58 PM

WB

“ Wanda Bibbins lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Wanda Bibbins - March 29, 2020 at 05:55 PM

LM

“ Leta Danielle Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Leta Danielle Mitchell - March 29, 2020 at 05:30 PM

ST

Praying for the family, I will miss Yolanda!!. 🙏


Shernell Windley- Thompson - March 30, 2020 at 03:05 PM

EM

“ *Emily Manley lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas*



Emily Manley - March 29, 2020 at 04:57 PM

 Regina
"Dimplz"
White

“ *Regina "Dimplz" White sent a virtual gift in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas*



Regina "Dimplz" White - March 29, 2020 at 04:53 PM

AP

“ Mr. Avery, Ashley & Avery thank you for sharing Mrs Yolanda’s beautiful spirit with us all. I’ll never forget her voice saying “Aprile take our picture!” at every event. My selfies with her will forever be a memory and her infectious spirit was felt by all who met her. Mr. Avery I promise to have a little two step for when I hear house music b/c I know she was your favorite dance partner. To Ashley my only child partner who we share many laughs when it comes to being the only child my heart goes out to you and I’m here if you ever need a listening ear. I know you will continue to make your mom proud and shout from heaven how proud she is and will continue to be of you. To Avery Mrs Yolanda will be smiling from heaven on your wedding day, she was so happy for you. I’ll close by sending you all virtual hugs and I cannot wait for this quarantine to be over so I can give you all huge hugs just like Mrs. Yolanda did to everyone when she saw them. Love you all! -Aprile



Aprile - March 29, 2020 at 12:50 PM

LY

“ Lester &Joyce Wilder We Love You lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Lester &Joyce Wilder we love you - March 29, 2020 at 12:11 PM

JR

“ *JEROME RAMSEY sent a virtual gift in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas*



JEROME RAMSEY - March 29, 2020 at 10:48 AM

JR

“ *JEROME RAMSEY lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas*



JEROME RAMSEY - March 29, 2020 at 10:47 AM

JR

“ *RIP TO YOU YOLANDA I REMEMBER OUR ROCK GLEN AND EDMONDSON DAYS.. PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY GOD HVE YOU NOW. 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

JEROME RAMSEY - March 29, 2020 at 10:45 AM

JJ

“ *Jill Johnston lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas*



jill johnston - March 29, 2020 at 10:08 AM

JJ

“ We had tons and tons of laughs and you captured most of those moments with your camera. Our personal paparazzi 📷 My heart aches right now. I love you Yolanda ❤️
Your smile, your style, your perseverance, your loving heart
You will be truly missed 😭



jill johnston - March 29, 2020 at 09:37 AM

WC

“ Willie And Muzelle Chapman lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Willie and Muzelle Chapman - March 28, 2020 at 08:38 PM

RY

“ There are some who brings a light so great to the world that even after they have gone the light remain. Yolanda brought the light with house music. May you continue to brighten heaven with your house music.

Yancey

Rochelle Yancey - March 28, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yolanda L. Thomas.*



March 28, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ *Todd And Lesley Anderson lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas*



Todd and Lesley Anderson - March 27, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ *Cynthia And Edward Wilson lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas*



Cynthia and Edward Wilson - March 27, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ *We are truly sorry for your lost and extend our deepest sympathy to the family. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort."*

The family of Nathaniel and Beatrice Kearney Rose

Bryandt (Brandy) Rose Dickerson - March 27, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yolanda L. Thomas.* ”



March 26, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yolanda L. Thomas.* ”



March 26, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Yolanda L. Thomas.* ”



March 26, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Yolanda L. Thomas.* ”



March 26, 2020 at 04:39 PM

SD

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences my brother. Prayers for strength and peace*

Samuel Davis - March 26, 2020 at 12:57 PM

JJ

“ ❤️



John Johnston - March 26, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *To the family of Yolanda Thomas:*



May you find peace in your time of sorrow. “ Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord For thou hast comforted me”. Yolanda’s smile will be missed.

Sincerely yours,

Sherine Jackson

Gwendolyn Jackson - March 26, 2020 at 09:25 AM

GA

“ Ashley and Avery, I pray you find peace and comfort in your time of mourning, may your memories of the love and joy you all shared wrap you solace. Yolanda has elevated beyond the the pain and sorrow this world can yield.

Peace and Blessings from the Allen-Kearney family

Gail Allen - March 26, 2020 at 08:02 AM

MT

“ Ms. Jozetdra T.Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Ms. Jozetdra T.Robinson - March 25, 2020 at 11:52 PM

MT

“ Ms. Jozetdra T.Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Ms. Jozetdra T.Robinson - March 25, 2020 at 11:51 PM

JR

“ Jozetdra T. Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Jozetdra T. Robinson - March 25, 2020 at 11:50 PM

JR

“ Jozetdra T. Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Jozetdra T. Robinson - March 25, 2020 at 11:49 PM

JR

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Jozetdra T. Robinson - March 25, 2020 at 11:49 PM

JR

“ Jozetdra T. Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Jozetdra T. Robinson - March 25, 2020 at 11:47 PM

JR

“ Jozetdra T. Robinson lit a candle in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Jozetdra T. Robinson - March 25, 2020 at 11:46 PM

JR

“ Jozetdra T. Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Yolanda L. Thomas



Jozetdra T. Robinson - March 25, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yolanda L. Thomas.



March 25, 2020 at 11:35 AM

TW

“ Sending condolences to the entire family. Praying that God will give each of you strength and comfort. May God bless you all. Rest easy my friend. Love you, Tonya Wilson



Tonya Wilson - March 24, 2020 at 01:34 PM

CG

“ Sending my condolences to the entire family and especially to my Bro. Avery in this time of loss. She was and still is a beautiful flower that shared her life with you all.

-Chris Green

Christopher N. Green - March 24, 2020 at 11:54 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.

March Funeral Homes - March 24, 2020 at 10:41 AM

MA

My deepest condolences to the family. Yolanda will live on in the hearts and minds of all who knew her. My prayers are for All the family, especially Her Daughter, Husband and her Mom. May God give you His Comfort and His Peace. Cousin, Margaret Kearney

Margaret - March 24, 2020 at 12:04 PM

AN

Deepest sympathy from the family of Govance and Mary Eliza Kearney (your cousins) in Warrenton, NC.

Angelena (Ann), Regina (Jean), Delbera (Dell), Arconstar (Connie), William (Billy).

Angelena - March 26, 2020 at 09:09 AM



To the family of Yolanda Thomas,

May you find peace in your time of sorrow. “Let me find favour in thy sight my lord, for that thou hast comforted me.” Yolanda’s smile will truly be missed.

Sincerely yours,

Cousin Sherine Jackson

Gwendolyn Jackson - March 26, 2020 at 09:35 AM



To the family of Yolanda,

We will miss Yolanda. She did good things for the families at Catholic Charities.

Kathleen

Kathleen K Plocinik - March 30, 2020 at 12:13 PM