



James Thomas

August 16, 1949 - January 12, 2021

Alpha: August 16, 1949 Omega: January 19, 2021

James Thomas was born on August 16, 1949 in Killona, LA to Rueben Williams and Gracie M. Thomas. James was an infant when his mother died. He was raised by his loving grandmother Lucinda Singleton Thomas (Mame) and Aunt Milie Mae Thomas in Killona, LA.

He was baptized by John B. Davis Jr. at Children of Israel Baptist Church in Killona, LA. At the early age of 16, James was accepted into Job Corp and traveled to Seattle, Washington where he furthered his education and obtained career and technical skills. He later returned home and married Patricia Lewis Downing. Through this union they had three children Rechell Thomas Pierre (Charles), Patrick James Thomas, and Re'Shawn

Thomas Rayford (Glen).

He was a member of the National Buffalo Soldiers, Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge Clementine McDuff #598 and Local 60 Union. He was honored with an "Officer of The Year Award" from the Elks Lodge. In addition, James worked to improve his community, volunteering with the March of Dimes.

James was a "Classic Man". He possessed confidence, style, and charisma. Qualities that can't be taught, you just have to be born with it. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, family functions, and swapping stories over a good meal with friends. He was the kind of man that believed, to be ontime was to be late. James was a hard worker and an early riser. He demonstrated this throughout his personal and work career.

James was a master welder. He worked for private companies and the US government. His work took him across states and even continents. He shared stories of his time working in Japan, from the bizarre foods and the tiny rooms. But no matter how far he traveled, he would tell you the best part of the experience was being able to return home.

Semi-retired he started working for Greenwood Memorial Park Mortuary in San Diego, CA. as a Funeral Director. He brought compassion, dignity, and respect to each family he serviced. James received numerous awards recognizing his work. The Greenwood community became more than just his employment, they became his extended family.

James loved his children and they loved him deeply. If their love alone was enough to keep him here, he would have been here forever. On January 19th, at Sharp Memorial Hospital in San Diego he was called; to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

He was a father to Enjeil M. Louper (George), A'Janae Mizell, and Natasha Sanders and the Godfather to Danell Dallon. He was the brother of Lillian Thomas Alexander and step-brother of Leroy Williams (Laura), James was preceded in death by his parents Gracie Marie Thomas and Rueben Williams, step-sister Rechell Williams, step-brother Gregory Williams, and cousin Joseph Davis Jr.

James memory will be forever cherished by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchild, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Memories of Dad

We do not need a special day to bring you to our minds.

The days we do not think of you are very hard to find.

Each morning when we awake we know that you are gone.

And no one knows the heartache as we try to carry on.

Our hearts still ache with sadness and secret tears still flow.

What it meant to lose you no one will ever know.

Our thoughts are always with you, your place no one can fill.

In life we loved you dearly; in death we love you still.

There will always be a heartache, and often a silent tear.

But always a precious memory of the days when you were here.

If tears would make a staircase, and heartaches make a lane,

We'd walk the path to heaven and bring you home again.

We hold you close within our hearts; and there you will remain,

To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.

Our family chain is broken now, and nothing seems the same,

But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. James will be laid to rest in his home state of Louisiana.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Garden Chapel at Greenwood

4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA, US, 92113

FEB **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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Patrick H. Sanders Funeral Home

605 Main Street, LaPlace, LA, US, 70068

FEB **Celebration of Life** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Larry and Karen Todd purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Thomas.



Larry and Karen Todd - January 27 at 03:19 PM



“ To the loved ones of James Thomas, We offer our condolence wishes for the untimely loss of James. We pray to the Lord to bless the family with the strength to cope with the loss. James was definitely a friend and confidant who will be truly missed. We will always have special memories of the wonderful person James was.
Larry and Karen Todd



karen todd - January 27 at 03:12 PM



“ Thank you for your prayers

Enjeil Louper - January 28 at 07:50 PM



“ To the family of James Thomas,my deepest condolences and prayers for your loss.James was a very special family friend to my family.My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



DARLENE MCCLARON - January 27 at 01:06 PM



“ Thank you for your prayers.

Enjeil Louper - January 28 at 07:50 PM