



Lawrence Thomas Jr.

January 8, 1949 - April 2, 2017

Lawrence Thomas, Jr. departed this earthly realm for his heavenly home Sunday, April 2, 2017, at the Rice Estates Nursing Home in Columbia. Born January 8, 1949 in Columbia, South Carolina, he was a son of the union between the late Lawrence, Sr. and Bessie Thomas.

A graduate of C.A. Johnson High School, Lawrence served his nation proudly in the United States Navy. Upon his honorable discharge, Lawrence furthered his education by attending Palmer College and Midlands Technical College.

Lawrence joined First Nazareth Baptist Church where he served faithfully until a decline in health with the majority of his time in service with the Brotherhood Choir; additionally he was a former member of the Corthain Masonic Lodge #11 in Columbia. He was a jovial person with a love of jokes, working in the yard, singing, playing the guitar, and writing poetry. Lawrence retired from the South Carolina Department of Corrections, formerly known as CCI, after 28 years as a lieutenant.

Those who knew and loved Lawrence will forever remember his kind spirit, warm heart, and beautiful smile. He leaves to cherish precious memories: his devoted wife of 45 years, Geneva O. Thomas; two children a loving and devoted son Bryan (Mesha) Thomas of Hampton, Virginia, and an amazing daughter Bridget (Rasheen) Lewis of Covington, Georgia; four grandchildren:

Maya and Laura Thomas of Hampton, Virginia; and Brittany and Breia Lewis of Covington, Georgia; six siblings: Joanne (Marshall) Pitts, Rubert Thomas, Alonzo (Margaret) Thomas, Frances (Barney) Allen, Doris (Timothy) Hopkins, and Marilyn (Junior) Wardley all of Columbia; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends who will dearly miss his presence in their lives.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 7. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Family Visitation

APR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Public Viewing

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Nazareth Baptist Church
2351 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC, SC

Celebration of Life

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Thomas Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *May you be sustain during this most difficult time by Jesus Christ. He will be your present help and He will bear all of your heartaches if you would just lean on Him*

Elder & Mrs. George (Juanita) Scott, Jr. - April 14, 2017 at 10:34 PM



“ *The graduating class of 1967 I would like to offer our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Naomi Samuel, Class President

Naomi Samel - April 07, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ *I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Lawrence. He was a kind hearted and wonderful human being. He always had such a big smile that would light up a room. It was an honor to have met Lawrence. I will miss you "Cuddly".*

Maxine Oakley, Harrisburg. PA - April 07, 2017 at 12:36 PM

GP

“ *mr. thomas May god bless you and carry you always, A very special prayer for the family for me I will always remember the kindness toward people and that smile go on and take your flight with the angels (CCI) G.Pena*

Glinda pena - April 07, 2017 at 10:10 AM

Dee
Ogundu

“ *I remember riding around town in the Cougar to go get something to eat an going back to spend the night at my uncle's house. I will never forget my uncle stepping in to walk me down the isle and giving me away at my wedding. He was more than a uncle, but also a like a father to me, and he will truly be missed. Save a seat for me Uncle Egg. I love you. Tell Grandma and Granddad Hi and give Kirby a big ole hug and kiss for me.*

Dee Ogundu - April 06, 2017 at 10:21 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Lawrence Thomas Jr..*



April 06, 2017 at 07:38 PM

RS

“ *My prayers are with the family, I know Lt. Thomas is having a reunion with his CCI buddies, Bubba Reed, Duty Warden Grant , Lt. Martin, Ofc. Larry Benbow and the rest of the crew. Rest in Peace. You were one of the Best Supervisors I ever work for and with. Regina (Summers) Simmons
Former CCI Officer*

Regina A. Simmons - April 06, 2017 at 12:07 PM



Our prayers are with the family. Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal. Carl & Rosetta Johnson

Rosetta Johnson - April 06, 2017 at 04:23 PM