



Ricky Bernard Thomas, II

June 13, 1990 - May 27, 2019

Ricky Bernard Thomas, II transitioned Monday, May 27, 2019, at Prisma Health Richland in Columbia, SC. Born at Fort Polk, LA, he was the third of four children born to Ricky and Teresa Carolina Thomas. A 2008 graduate of Blythewood High School, he was a cornerback on the varsity football team, Blythewood Bengals, who went undefeated his senior season. Ricky was also a percussionist with the Blythewood Marching Band where he played the bells and snare drum as well as the guitar. He was passionate about all sports, but his favorites were the New Orleans Saints and the LSU Tigers. Proud to claim his Louisiana heritage, he loved the Ragin' Cajuns.

After graduation, Ricky attended USC-Columbia, where he majored in Engineering. After a year, he made the decision to enlist in the United States Army to defray college costs. Upon completion of his Basic Training at Fort Sill, OK, and additional AIT training at Fort Gordon, GA, he worked as a satellite communications system operator assigned to Fort Campbell, KY, then to Afghanistan. After 2 tours, he was honorably discharged, and enrolled into a nursing program.

Although he traveled extensively, Ricky also staycations. A caring, sensitive, witty, and engaging personality, Ricky was loving, family-oriented, adventurous and loved life. Some of his favorite pastimes included running, boxing, softball, and baseball. He excelled in each endeavor and was a great

and loving father.

Ricky was preceded in death by a brother, Levar Carolina.

Surviving are his three sons: Rylan Thomas, Jaxon Thomas, and Zaeryn Miller; daughter Rayna Thomas; parents Ricky Bernard and Teresa Thomas; two sisters: Tonza Thomas and Christina Thomas; paternal grandmother Bobbie Jean Thomas; maternal grandmother Oleta Pearson; special grandfather Richard Blanding; three aunts: Gloria (Schuyler) Porter, Cassandra Thomas, and Michele Liburd; three uncles: James Thomas, Maurice Thomas, and Rodney (Tanya) Abram; niece Vanessa Thomas; and other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 2. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside service

JUN 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Ricky Bernard Thomas, II*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



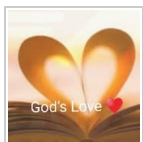
“ *To the Thomas family,
We will always remember Ricky, and thank God for the life he had here on earth. We remember Ricky as a glad, compassionate and humorous young man. We are so appreciative of his friendship with our son Alex, whom Ricky encouraged and looked out for despite Alex's special needs. Ricky and DJ Dixon were Alex's friends. We sincerely send heartfelt expressions of love to his family. We pray God's peace that passes all understanding will forever guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Love is a powerful force, please know that we love you all though we have not physically seen you all for awhile. God bless!
Cleon, Pamela, Alex, Alexis and Alexandra Raynor*

Pamela Raynor - June 13, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ *Glad I got the chance to get to know you.*

Xavier Brown - June 13, 2019 at 07:52 AM



“ *Always In My Heart! Mom*



Teresa Thomas - June 13, 2019 at 06:56 AM



“ *I Love You!*”



Teresa Thomas - June 13, 2019 at 06:55 AM

GA

“ *Geraldine Davenport Alexander lit a candle in memory of Ricky Bernard Thomas, II*”



Geraldine Davenport Alexander - June 09, 2019 at 01:38 AM

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Geraldine Davenport Alexander - June 07, 2019 at 11:06 PM

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Geraldine Davenport Alexander - June 07, 2019 at 11:02 PM

Dora
Conwell
Lynwood

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the family.*



Dora Conwell Lynwood - June 05, 2019 at 03:16 PM

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“ *Teresa, continue to look to God and pray for Him to give you the strength to endure. Times may seem dark now, but, Joy cometh in the morning.*



--Irene and lanthe

Irene M Johnson-Loftin - June 03, 2019 at 12:22 PM

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“ *Ricky always had a smile on his face when we worked or we're at school together. The lights of his life was his children and family. He never stopped talking about them! He was always trying to make everyone around him happy. He will always be in my heart.*

Stephanie - June 03, 2019 at 09:14 AM

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“ *Sepideh Moshtael and Stephanie Lugmayer purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ricky Bernard Thomas, II.*



Sepideh Moshtael and Stephanie Lugmayer - June 02, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Ricky Bernard Thomas, II*.



June 02, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of *Ricky Bernard Thomas, II*.



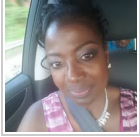
June 01, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ *Lesley Crutchfield* lit a candle in memory of *Ricky Bernard Thomas, II*



Lesley Crutchfield - June 01, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ *Ricky, and the whole Thomas family have been good friends for many years. Ricky and DJ, same age, were very close friends growing up in Aberdeen, going through school and "church boys" at Helping Hands Ministries. He was always kind and friendly to me; just the kind of young man that was easy to love. My prayers are with you Teresa, my heart hurts with you and we love you all. We we will get through, because we're more than conquerors through Christ Jesus.*

Kosannya Dixon - June 01, 2019 at 09:23 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricky Bernard Thomas, II.*



June 01, 2019 at 12:15 AM



“ *Theresa, so sorry to hear about the unexpected death of your son. You are in our thoughts and prayers along with our deepest sympathy. A donation to the DAV Chapter 47 in Petersburg will be made in memory of Ricky. God Bless you and your family during this time.*

The Andolino's

Charles & Irene Andolino - May 31, 2019 at 09:24 AM

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“ Know that my prayers and best hopes are with you and yours during this time of loss. Sincerely,

T. Bell, fellow Mark Matthews Chapter trooper.

T.Bell - May 31, 2019 at 08:46 AM

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“ May God hold you close to his heart where he can feel your deepest loss and fill you with his deepest love. So sorry for your loss.

*Trooper Jacque Pegram
Mark Matthews Chapter Buffalo Soldiers*

Jacqueline Pegram - May 31, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ricky Bernard Thomas, II.



May 30, 2019 at 07:19 PM

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“ If you plan to attend the funeral service please know there is no dress code. Come as you are. -Teresa Thomas

Teresa Thomas - May 30, 2019 at 06:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricky Bernard Thomas, II.*



May 30, 2019 at 06:04 PM



“ *Dear Sis Thomas & family
My heartfelt sympathy to you and family. I have such wonderful memories of Ricky as a youngster in Helping Hands Ministries. His smile always brought joy to my heart. I will keep you all undergirded in prayer. May the God of All Comfort give y'all HIS peace that passes all understanding .*

*Agape Love,
Sis Moe*

Mosetta Warfield - May 30, 2019 at 11:00 AM



Sister Moe, we appreciate your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for our family. Thank you!

Teresa - May 31, 2019 at 08:14 AM

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“ To The Thomas Family,
On behalf of Mark Matthews Chapter Petersburg, Virginia Inc.
"BUFFALO SOLDIERS". Please accept our most sincere and
heartfelt condolences during this time of loss. We pray that the
family continue to put their faith in the Lord as he will provide
strength and comfort.

Aubrey T. Phillips Sr.
President

Aubrey T. Phillips Sr. - May 30, 2019 at 09:19 AM