



Thomas James Ward, Jr.

April 21, 1967 - September 19, 2025

Thomas James Ward, Jr., 58, of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, September 19, 2025, in a local hospital. He was educated in the Chattanooga Public Schools. He was the Mascot for Howard High School and graduated with the Class of 1985.

Thomas was a landlord for the Meeting Company. He was a faithful member of Revival International.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jacqueline Yvonne Ward; father, Thomas James Ward, Sr.; niece, Jernay Cal; grandfather, Alex P. Rice; uncles, Donald Rice, Clarence Ward, and Darren Ward.

Survivors include his life-long friend of 35 years, Antoinette Early; brothers, Teato Ward and Willie (Carolyn) Simmons, both of Chattanooga; sisters, Yvette (Wayne) Johnson of Atlanta, GA, Jacqueline Thomas, Elaine Jordan, and Karla (Gary) Lansden, all of Chattanooga; uncles, Johnny Ward of Buford, GA, Vincent Ward, Wilter Thomas, Toney Thomas, and David Lee Ward, all of Chattanooga; aunts, Pearleene Smith, Yvonne Ward, Alice Faye Ward, and Wanda Ward, all of Chattanooga; a host of nieces; nephews; special great-niece, Nyreona “Chickenloo” Ward who followed him in Christ; and many cousins; and many friends.

Thomas will lie-in-state on Thursday, October 2, 2025, from 1-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, October 3, 2025, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel with Pastor Matthew Boameh as the Eulogist. Burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2116-2124 Shepherd Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

OCT **2**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

OCT **3**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

OCT **3**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery
2116-2124 Shepherd Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ him and my granny was best friends but now they are together rip Thomas my best friend I still remember the Titans games we used to bet on and sometimes I won but sometimes I lost I will always remember you my friend miss you.

trevon johnson - March 02 at 03:10 PM

AD

“ Angela Deloach lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Ward, Jr.



Angela Deloach - October 08, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ Mary McCauley lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Ward, Jr.



Mary McCauley - October 07, 2025 at 10:29 PM

SC

“ R.i.p T baby 🕊️ Fly HIGH!! From NURSE BETTY as you called me!! Gone but never forgotten 💔

Stoneeka Chubb - October 03, 2025 at 12:59 AM

JN

“ You will be missed my friend Thomas gone and take your rest you will be missed sending prayers up for his family

Jasmine Janay Norman - October 02, 2025 at 07:31 PM

WW

“ Willa Williams lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Ward, Jr.



Willa Williams - October 02, 2025 at 04:33 PM

SJ

“ Thomas my best friend i will miss you 🥹💔😭
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Siobhan Johnson - October 02, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ Rest Easy Sir



Nilkcol Sucram - October 01, 2025 at 05:57 PM

IT

“ *Ingrid Tucker lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Ward, Jr.*



Ingrid Tucker - October 01, 2025 at 01:55 PM

KS

“ *Thomas you will be missed by all that knew you. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord 🙏 John and Kathy Sligh 🙏*



Kathy Sligh - September 30, 2025 at 09:56 PM

KP

“ *My deepest and sincere condolences to Thomas family and friends during this difficult time. May the Lord continue to strengthen and comfort each of you. Prayers 🙏*

Kheisa M. Penn - September 30, 2025 at 01:13 PM

PO

“ *Pastor Walter And Lynn Owens lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Ward, Jr.*



Pastor Walter and Lynn Owens - September 30, 2025 at 10:13 AM

SJ

“ *I will miss Thomas*

Siobhan Notasha Johnson - September 30, 2025 at 08:01 AM



“ *Mary McCauley lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Ward, Jr.*



Mary McCauley - September 30, 2025 at 03:41 AM

BS

“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Ward, Jr.*



Beverly Sales - September 30, 2025 at 01:37 AM



“ *Renee Jackson lit a candle in memory of Thomas James Ward, Jr.*



Renee Jackson - September 30, 2025 at 12:20 AM