



## William Thomas

September 4, 1940 - February 7, 2021

William Curtis Thomas, 80, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, February 7, 2021 in the Hospice Care Center. He was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. He was formerly employed by Dupont. William was a faithful member of Greater Tucker Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon, sang in the Mass Choir, Male Chorus, served on the Culinary Committee and the Sick & Shut-In Committee. William was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Thomas, Sr. and Catherine Thomas; wife, Elizabeth J. Thomas; brothers, Frank Thomas, Jr., Leonard Thomas, Sr., and Jessie I. Thomas, Sr. To cherish his memory, survivors include his son, Earl (Ocie) Johnson of Chattanooga; daughters, Tracy (Kendall, Sr.) Toney, Lisa Shropshire (Michael Chaney), both of Chattanooga, and Kimberly (Nathaniel) Jefferson of Huntsville, AL; eight grandchildren, Darwin (Sylvia) Hill, Erin Johnson, Bresha Hill, Janae Johnson, Ashley "Ace" Williams, Alexis Williams, Weslie Shropshire, and Justin Shropshire; ten great-grandchildren, Amare' Frazier, Kobe Crnalic, Jordyn Crnalic, Jordan Geter, Aarilyn Clark, Andrew Clark, DeMiyah Cross, DeMonte Cross, Jr., Lylia Hill, and Ayden Hill; brothers, Tommy Thomas of Chattanooga and Devon Thomas of Ft. Oglethorpe, GA; sisters, Katie (Alvin) Adams of Ringgold, GA and Nancy (Larry, Sr.) Rucker of Ooltewah; aunt, Minnie B. Blanks of Chattanooga; several nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends. Pastor Gary Hathaway will be the eulogist.



# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37411

# Previous Events

## Lie-In-State

FEB 14. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard  
Chattanooga, TN 37411  
(423) 622-8152  
<https://www.taylorfh.com/>

## Family Graveside Service

FEB 15. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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4621 Shallowford Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37411

# Tribute Wall

EG

“ *Evangelist Mary Evans And Omar Gearing lit a candle in memory of William Thomas*



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**Evangelist Mary Evans and Omar Gearing** - February 25, 2021 at 01:09 AM

CR

“ *William was one of my best friends in High school, He will always be remembered as a kind and peaceful person. I had a chance to visit with him in 2019 and it was a joy to hear he was working in the Church. My wife and kids and grandkids had a chance to meet him also. "May GOD Rest His Soul" Williams classmate and friend.*

*Charles V. & Annie B. Ross*

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**Charles V. Ross** - February 24, 2021 at 05:22 PM

 Djaun Ford

“ *Djaun Ford lit a candle in memory of William Thomas*



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**Djaun Ford** - February 18, 2021 at 08:48 AM

JK

“ *Juhwonna Kelly lit a candle in memory of William Thomas*



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**Juhwonna Kelly** - February 16, 2021 at 01:56 PM

RB

“ *To my cousin William's son, and daughters, sisters and brother; I have not found many who would be the same good, pleasant being as William. He always was smiling and always loving to me whenever we met. Always! We called each other 'Twin'. We truly loved one another. So, all that to say, that his memory is with me for all time. He being with the Lord is glorious. And his spirit being here with us is too. God bless you family and may keep you, in this time, and forevermore.*

*Rick Blanks & family*

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**Rick Blanks** - February 15, 2021 at 02:33 PM

AF

“ *Aunt Elizabeth Fearn and Pam lit a candle in memory of William Thomas*



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**Annie Fearn** - February 14, 2021 at 06:16 PM

KB

“ *Jerry & Karen Boyd*



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**Karen Boyd** - February 14, 2021 at 05:44 PM

GS

“ *WE ARE SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE THOMAS AND JOHNSON FAMILY SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR DEAR LOVE ONE YOU ALL WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS LOVE YOU ALL SHORTER AND CROSS FAMILY...*



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**Gwendolyn Shorter** - February 14, 2021 at 01:33 PM

AJ

“ *Aunt Joyce lit a candle in memory of William Thomas*



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**Aunt Joyce** - February 14, 2021 at 10:51 AM

LT

“ *William was such wonderful caring person. Always smiling and making you laugh. I can truly say I enjoyed him in Sunday School. His humbleness and smiling with be missed.*



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**Letitia R. Thornton** - February 14, 2021 at 09:10 AM



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



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February 13, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ *Shiloh Baptist Church of Ringgold Ga., sends their Condolences to the family of William Thomas.*

*Brother Thomas always greeted you with a smile..*

*Brother Thomas will be Missed*

*RIP.. Shiloh Baptist Church..*



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**Shiloh Baptist Church** - February 13, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Thomas.*



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February 13, 2021 at 04:53 PM

LH

“ IN LOVING MEMORY OF DEACON WILLIAM  
C. THOMAS... YOU WILL BE MISSED  
GREATLY!! REST IN HEAVENLY PEACE.



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**LAVONNE HUNTER** - February 13, 2021 at 10:30 AM

CB

“ *Willian Thomas! There will never be another you. I will miss your lovely voice, sounding like Sam Cooke, that's why I ask you to sing at my husband funeral. You made me so proud and appreciative. I will always remember your beautiful smile, Tucker Baptist Church choir will never be the same without you. May you forever rest in paradise. I'm surly gonna miss you my "Buddy"...*

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**cynthia bunton** - February 13, 2021 at 08:46 AM

LH

“ *Laretta Harrison lit a candle in memory of William Thomas*



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**Laretta Harrison** - February 12, 2021 at 07:19 PM

BR

“ Your smile was so big & your contagious laugh alone made me & your great grandson laugh. Jordyn will forever hold onto the little bond that you two created. Everytime you & your 10 year old great grandson got to talk or be around each other it was yall going back & forth joking picking on one another. He keeps talking about how he prank called you & you laughed the entire time which made us laugh! He loves you, WE love you.. Thank you for leaving myself & your great grandchildren with nothing short of beautiful memories filled with sweet words & laughter. Rest in peace grandpa....

Bresha - February 12, 2021 at 06:50 PM

DL

“ William or Grandpa William, as we like to call him, will forever be in our hearts and minds. He would always greet you with a smile on his face and love in his heart. He had this amazing way of making you laugh no matter what kind of day you were having. We will miss him dearly.  
-The Hill Family

Darwin, Sylvia, Ayden, Lylia - February 12, 2021 at 06:25 PM

AS

“ Andrea Smith lit a candle in memory of William Thomas



Andrea Smith - February 12, 2021 at 11:39 AM

GM

“ *Condolences to the Thomas family in the loss of Brother Thomas. I met him through his grandson. He was always smiling and loved to hug you. He loved God and was always willing to lend a helping hand. May he rest in peace because his race has been won and I know God will say "well done".*

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**Gracelia Q Moore** - February 12, 2021 at 09:32 AM

EM

“ *To The Thomas Family,  
Tracey, Kim and Lisa  
Our sympathy and prays are with you. May  
God give you peace.  
Elizabeth Hill-Ringer & Family*



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**eMarie** - February 11, 2021 at 04:11 PM

EH

“ *May you feel the loving spirit of God near in  
the passing of Bro, W. Thomas with each  
passing day, by the prayers of those who love  
and care for each of you at this difficult time.  
Love, Joy and Peace  
Elizabeth Hayes,*



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**Elizabeth Hayes** - February 09, 2021 at 09:58 AM

DS

“ I met Mr. Thomas or "Willie" as I knew him at DuPont in 1999. Willie was a very kind man who always had a smile on his face and time to help anyone in need of it. I know his loss will hurt deeply. The family will be in my prayers.



*Doug Shipley*

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**Doug Shipley** - February 09, 2021 at 02:56 AM

RY

“ He was always so nice to me. He gave me money when i had cancer always helped with my grandson taking him to games going to band concerts etc...an saint in heven!

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**Ruth young** - February 08, 2021 at 07:10 PM

LE

“ Mr Thomas was always smiling..always...it seemed to be his nature..Not only was he a pleasant man but he served in several capacities at Greater Tucker among which was the Tucker choir..Boy could he sing..sounded a lot like Sam Cooke to some of us..He will surely be missed by all with whom he came to know..He was and is a beautiful spirit..RIP..

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**Linda S Eubanks** - February 07, 2021 at 09:14 PM