



Willie James Thomas

July 29, 1943 - April 26, 2022

Willie James Thomas 78, transitioned April 26, 2022. Funeral service will be May 3, 2022, at 11:00A.M. at Eunice M. Mitchell Chapel, burial to follow at Wetumpka City Cemetery. On Tuesday, April 26, 2022, our Almighty God in his infinite wisdom, mercy, and grace carried Willie James Thomas to his eternal rest.

Willie was born on July 29, 1943, in Wetumpka, Alabama, to Isom and Mary Celia Thomas. He was the second of three children and was preceded in death by his younger brother Frederick Anthony Thomas Sr.

Willie accepted the Lord into his life at an early age and was baptized at Second Missionary Baptist Church in Wetumpka, Alabama. He later became a member of Southlawn Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL.

Willie graduated from Elmore County Training School in the Class of 1961 and went on to Alabama State University (ASU) where he received degrees in Music and Education. While in college he played in the ASU Band for four years. An accomplished musician, Willie played trumpet with the well-known group The Syndicate as well as other local groups. For over 36 years he worked for the Montgomery Department of Education as a band director and teacher.

Initiated on May 7, 1966, Willie was a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated. He proudly served as a leader and mentor to countless members of his beloved fraternity.

On August 19, 1967, Willie married the love of his life, Dorothy "Dot" Portis and they remained committed and devoted to each other until her death in 2021. Unto their union, one child, Waldron Jared Thomas was born.

He leaves to cherish his memories, one son, Waldron Jared Thomas, his sister, Mary Lois (Mike) Thomas-Waters; brothers-in-law Robert (Ruth) Spears of Oakland, CA; Vivian (Bonita) Portis Jr. of Montgomery, AL; Ronnie (Diane) Portis of Fort Wayne, IN; and sisters-in-law Kathryn (Clifton) Anderson of Tuscaloosa, AL; Rose (Ervin) Kinsey of Gardena, CA; Sylvia (Troy) Collins of Rancho Cucamonga, CA; Helen Spears of Grand Rapids, MI; and numerous loving cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.
with Hillside Memorial & Gardens directing.

Cemetery Details

Wetumpka City Cemetary

North Bridge st
Wetumpka, AL 36092

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Memorial & Gardens
3274 Central Plank Rd
P.O. Box 218
Wetumpka, AL 36092
(334) 514-5350
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Tribute Wall

SB

“ To the Thomas family, my sincere condolences in this time. Mr. Thomas was my band teacher at Houston Hill, and was a wonderful music teacher. I played trumpet as well, after trying and failing on the flute. He was always passionate and wanted to share his craft. He will be missed in this life.

Sharon Browning (student from 1985-1987)

SB - March 21, 2023 at 10:12 AM

WD

“ WillieMae Duncan lit a candle in memory of Willie James Thomas



WillieMae Duncan - May 27, 2022 at 05:57 PM

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WillieMae Duncan - May 27, 2022 at 05:56 PM

KH

“ *Condolences to the family. Stay strong during this difficult time.*

Katrina Howard, Montgomery, Alabama

Katrina Howard - May 03, 2022 at 03:44 PM

FT

“ *Faye Thomas lit a candle in memory of Willie James Thomas*



Faye Thomas - May 03, 2022 at 11:51 AM

SJ

“ *You will be truly miss Uncle Willie, but God needed another talented music teacher for his choir. I am praying for peace for my cousin Jared and my Auntie Lois.*



Sheila M Jackson - May 02, 2022 at 02:23 PM

BT

“ *To a great uncle and friend, You will be missed!
Love you always Uncle Willie.*

Bernie Terrell - May 02, 2022 at 12:22 PM

EK

“ Ervin 'Rose and Sonia Kinsey purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Willie James Thomas.



Ervin 'Rose and Sonia Kinsey - May 01, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie James Thomas.



May 01, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ Everytime I visited Alabama you greeted me with a warm smile. Know that you are missed and will never be forgotten. May you rest in peace. Uncle Willie love you always.

Timikka Banks - May 01, 2022 at 01:14 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Willie James Thomas.



May 01, 2022 at 01:07 AM

EW

“ Jared and Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you as God strengthen all of you in the days ahead.



Ethelyn Williams - April 29, 2022 at 08:01 PM

LC

“ To the family. I'm so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy.



Lois Cain - April 28, 2022 at 01:53 PM

JA

“ To the family, sending you sincere sympathy.



Jessie Anthony - April 28, 2022 at 01:03 PM

CG

“ To the family. You have my sympathy. God bless you.

Cecile Grayson - April 28, 2022 at 12:58 PM

BJ

“ *To the Thomas Family- my deepest thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time.*



Bronzetta Jones - April 28, 2022 at 08:33 AM