



Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas

December 27, 1955 - July 28, 2019

Our beloved son, brother and uncle went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 28, 2019 at the age of 63 years. He was a resident of Atlanta, Georgia.

Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas was born in Saginaw, Michigan on December 27, 1955 at Saginaw General Hospital to the proud parents of Mark, Sr. and Annie Mae (Jackson) Thomas. He graduated from Saginaw High School, "Class of 1974". While Butch attended high school, he and some friends, fellow musicians formed a band called The New Young Brass and Rhythm Band. He also played the piano for the Sun Beam Youth Choir while attending Bethlehem Baptist Church. Later, his parents allowed him to take correspondence courses in his 11th grade year while traveling on tour with Bobby Byrd's Rhythm and Blues Band. After a year of traveling with the band, Butch returned to Saginaw High School and graduated in his 12th grade year. He served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps Reserves and retired in 1981.

Butch studied his undergraduate work at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, GA where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting in 1984. Soon after achieving his B.A. Degree, Butch relocated to the State of Illinois where he attended Northwestern University's Evanston, Illinois Campus, J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management. Butch earned a Master's Degree in Business Management in 1987.

After Mr. Thomas retired from the corporate offices of AT&T located in Atlanta, he operated an online business called, "Card Jazz". Through this business he sold customized playing cards, supplies and gift items to various Bridge, Poker, Pinochle, Bid Whist, Spade and playing card organizations. Butch also wrote two (2) books titled: Final Rules on Bid Whist, The Bid Whist Cook-Book and Pre-School Poker Coloring Book. He enjoyed traveling to various card playing tournaments across the country and abroad. His hobbies included traveling, jazz keyboardist, painting and he was an avid sports enthusiast.

His memory will be cherished by his father, Mark Thomas, Sr; two sisters, Lucille (John) Chaffer, Saginaw, MI and Annie Lee Thomas, Atlanta, GA; two brothers, Mark (Gennetta) Thomas, Jr., Idlewild, MI and Robert E. Thomas, Atlanta, GA; two aunts, Josephine Wright, Portsmouth, VA and Ann Thomas, Flint, MI; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Butch was preceded in death by his mother, Mrs. Annie Mae Thomas.

Marvin "Butch" will be greatly missed. His smile, and great sense of humor is irreplaceable, and will be sincerely missed by his family and friends.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Bethel A.M. E. Church, 535 Cathay Street, Saginaw, MI with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Dennis Laffoon will officiate with interment in Eastlawn Memorial Garden, 7475 Holland Road, Saginaw, MI 48601 Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Cemetery Details

Eastlawn Memorial Gardens

7475 Holland Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Family Hour

AUG 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

GD

“ Gregory Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas



Gregory Daniel - August 17, 2019 at 01:34 PM

VD

“ I worked with Marvin for several years at AT&T and he was so much fun and so nice to help me shop on EBAY. He always talked about his mother and father and aunt and uncle playing cards. He loved my carrot cake and had me make him one for his retirement. He got recipes from me to put in his bridge book he was writing and dedicated a note to me in it. And was so kind to give me both books. He was just an all around stand up guy. And talked so highly of his family. So much fun and full of laughter. He will be surely missed on this earth. This world was a much more happier place with him in it. My condolence to all of the family. Vicki Davis

Vicki Davis - August 14, 2019 at 04:03 PM

CH

“ Sending a prayer for you and your family....so very sorry for your loss. Connie Hollis

Connie Hollis - August 13, 2019 at 06:24 PM

AD

“ Ann, I was sorry to hear of the death of your brother. May he, and you, be at Peace.

Ann D'Agostino - August 13, 2019 at 04:36 PM

MD

“ *Ms. Cherilyn Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas*



Ms. Cherilyn Davis - August 12, 2019 at 04:50 PM

CW

“ *Calvin And Delores Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas*



Calvin and Delores Williams - August 10, 2019 at 12:33 PM

BE

“ *On Behalf of Pastor Lafayette Simpson and the entire Bethlehem Baptist Church Family, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family.*



BethlehemBaptistChurch - August 10, 2019 at 09:21 AM

EC

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Thomas family. We were neighbors as children on the Southside. The Stuckey family.*



Evelyn Stuckey Culberson - August 10, 2019 at 08:36 AM

FZ

“ *Frances Ham Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas*



Frances Ham Zackrie - August 10, 2019 at 03:44 AM

CF

“ *Claudine Fife lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas*



Claudine Fife - August 09, 2019 at 09:37 PM

CF

Annie, Lucille & Mark, you have my most heart felt sympathy during your most difficult time. I hope you will find joy knowing I am thinking about you all. Love you all, Penny Martin

Claudine Fife - August 09, 2019 at 09:41 PM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas*



Derrell Martin - August 09, 2019 at 07:23 PM

JB

“ James Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas



James Brown - August 09, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas.



August 08, 2019 at 02:50 PM

DC

“ Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas



Deborah Champion - August 08, 2019 at 06:09 AM

RJ

“ My condolences to the entire Thomas family. Butch was a dear childhood friend and classmate of mine. We attended the same schools from elementary through high school. You will be missed good buddy.

Southside
-Ronnie Jackson-

Ronnie Jackson - August 07, 2019 at 04:49 PM

DR

“ Deacon Connie & Marlyn (Lilly) Reeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas



Deacon Connie & Marlyn (Lilly) Reeves - August 07, 2019 at 10:06 AM

GB

“ Gwen White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas



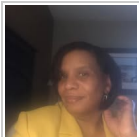
Gwen White Bowman - August 07, 2019 at 09:54 AM

DK

“ Deacon Bobby & Thelma (Moten) Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas



Deacon Bobby & Thelma (Moten) Kelley - August 07, 2019 at 09:16 AM



“ Cheryl Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas



Cheryl Walker - August 06, 2019 at 11:54 PM

PM

“ Pamela (Stephens) Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas



Pamela (Stephens) Monroe - August 06, 2019 at 10:18 PM

DM

“ Deborah Morris-Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas



Deborah Morris-Williams - August 06, 2019 at 07:25 PM

LV

“ Linda McClain Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas



Linda McClain Veasley - August 06, 2019 at 05:54 PM

MW

“ Marie Hartfield Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin "Butch" Wayne Thomas



Marie Hartfield Washington - August 06, 2019 at 04:41 PM

MW

RIP My Classmate

Marie Hartfield Washington - August 06, 2019 at 04:41 PM

SS

My sincere condolences to Anne, Robert Earl and the entire Thomas family.

Sharon Pierre Scott - August 07, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ *The Goodman and Martin family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin “Butch” Wayne Thomas*



Catherine Goodman - August 06, 2019 at 04:40 PM

VP

“ *Vyethel Kemp Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin “Butch” Wayne Thomas*



Vyethel Kemp Peterson - August 03, 2019 at 01:22 PM

TH

“ *Tina Houze lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marvin “Butch” Wayne Thomas*



Tina Houze - August 03, 2019 at 09:29 AM

LB

“ *My pray's go out to the Thomas family. Butch was a good person and a childhood friend. He played for sunbeam and JR. He will be missed.*
Linda Buckley Bolton



Linda Bolton - August 02, 2019 at 01:19 PM