



## Robert Thomas

December 17, 1940 - January 29, 2012

Beloved father, brother, nephew, uncle, and friend was called to the loving arms of our Lord on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at the age of 71, following a lengthy illness. Robert J. Thomas was born on December 17, 1940, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Pearlie and Cora Nell Blackburn Thomas. Robert was a member of Glimpse of Hope Ministries. He was a Veteran of the United States Army, receiving an honorable discharge. He was an entrepreneur whose desire was to create jobs for youth within the Saginaw community. He was a retiree from General Motors, and attended Saginaw High School and Delta College. He leaves to cherish his memory his only son, Stacy Andre Hawkins; brothers, John (Lillian) Thomas Sr. and Marshall (Yvonne) Thomas; sister, Julia Pringle. Also surviving his memory are a number of nieces and nephews as well as special nieces, Gwendolyn Bond of Kansas City, MO and Lacrechia Bell, special nephews, James Woods Sr., Sherman Bell Jr., Tory Thomas, and Darryl (Marcia) Thomas; special cousin, Terry (Carolyn) Pruitt; Godchildren, Ozzie Smith and Travis Maggart, aunts, Mecky Lewis and Valeria (Arthur) Dixon of Tuscaloosa, AL, Eura Lee (John) Pruitt of Lansing, MI and Martha McBrayer of Saginaw, MI; one uncle, Ed (Marie) Blackburn of Tuscaloosa, AL; and special friends, Archie Dale, William Martin, James Jones, Johnnie Fifer, Tyrone Bryant, and Jake McNair. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Pearlie and Cora Nell Blackburn Thomas; three sisters, Theresa Bell, Ruth Cheatum, and Betty Chapman; and two brothers, Horace Thomas Sr. and Willie Reed. The Thomas family would like to extend

a very special "Thank You" to Dr.'s Eugene Seals and Delicia Pruitt, as well as their medical staff. Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at Freedom Full Gospel Baptist Church, 2259 Williamson Road. Rev. Eddie Bragg, Pastor. Pastor Leslie Lewis will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Ave., on Monday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the family will be present from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. for the family hour.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thomas Family, I was saddened to learn of Robert's passing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Take comfort in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

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**Mary McDonald** - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Sending special condolences to my nephew Stacy Andre Hawkins. You were given the honor to get to know and spend time taking care of your father before he went home to be with God. Even more than that God gave your father enough time to know his son. That is a blessing all by itself. I am positive he appreciated every moment he spent with you. Take care and continue to be all that you can be.

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**Jeri Rockett** - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Thomas family, I've know Robert for many years he nicked name me Pluck. In playing 3-5-9 he would always pluck me. Over the years and many phone calls later I was still Pluck to him. I lost a dear friend no more telephone calls, no more card games, but I will cherish the memories, the laughter and advice he often gave me. I pray God will embrace you and send his angels of comfort to the family in these difficult days ahead. And know time will soften the edges and ease your burden. With heartfelt sympathy Althea Hatter.

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**Althea Hatter** - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thomas Family,

*I want to express my deepest sympathy to the entire family. I am remembering you in my prayers, and I trust that you know that God will comfort you today and in days to come.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lillie M. Thomas*

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**Lillie Thomas** - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Daryl & Family,

*We are sorry to learn that another blossom has been plucked from your family's flower garden, With our deepest sympathy.*

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**The Pruitt Family** - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM