



Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.

February 15, 1954 - April 11, 2019

Rufus was born in Saginaw, Michigan to Rufus and Marie (Wells) Thomas, Sr. February 15, 1954. He passed away on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the age of 65 years.

Rufus attended Saginaw Public Schools. He enjoyed spending time with family, friends and listening to blues and old school music. Rufus, also known as Junior was a loving, strong and caring person who never met a stranger. He will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memory, one daughter, Angelica Weems, Montgomery, Alabama; three granddaughters, Siara, Tonitra and Tonara; four grandsons, Tony, Tyler, Armon and Tahari; five great-grandsons; three sisters, Catherine Daniel, Alice Jackson and Joyce (Curtis) Reeves; two brothers, Wesley Thomas and Pastor William (Laura) Brown; two aunts, Annie Thomas, Flint, MI and Queen Esther Thomas, Natchez, MS; one uncle, Mark Thomas, Saginaw, MI; eight nieces and five nephews, many other relatives and friends including Albert S. Hannah, Gail Crittendon and Madeline Barlow.

Mr. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Rufus and Marie Thomas; two brothers, Clyde and Willie Thomas; one sister, Linda J. Thomas and a special friend, Gwen Green.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607 with memorial service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Sheila Washington and Pastor William Brown will officiate.

Previous Events

Family Hour

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Memorial Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Browne's Mortuary - May 31, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Browne's Mortuary - April 18, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ Lorraine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Lorraine Davis - April 23, 2019 at 08:36 PM

TF

“ Heartfelt Prayers to The Entire Family in your time of need, Sorry for your loss



Theresa Cooper & Family - April 22, 2019 at 02:59 PM

GC

“ My deepest condolence to my extended Thomas family. I'm loss for words losing my Buddy JR as I always called him. We shared many laughter and hung many days. There was nothing I wouldn't do for him, for his kind heart would do the same for me. I will definitely miss you Buddy, I tried to keep you here but God wanted you with him. It's not often to have a real friend like you! I'm so happy that I could call you my friend / brother...and you knowing I love you!!! Rest Peacefully Buddy I will never ever forget you.

Gail Calhoun Crittendon - April 17, 2019 at 09:57 PM

SR

“ Shawn Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Shawn Riley - April 17, 2019 at 09:12 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Yvonne Sanders - April 17, 2019 at 06:43 PM

BS

“ Barbara Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Barbara Smith - April 17, 2019 at 06:31 PM

LV

“ Linda (McClain) Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Linda (McClain) Veasley - April 16, 2019 at 09:50 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Carolyn Washington - April 16, 2019 at 06:37 PM

RC

“ Rilla Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Rilla Caldwell - April 16, 2019 at 04:50 PM

DR

“ Deacon Connie & Marlyn Reeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Deacon Connie & Marlyn Reeves - April 16, 2019 at 03:20 PM

DR

We are so sorry for your loss Joyce Reeves & Thomas Family. Please know you are in our thoughts & prayers during this time of sorrow. May Jesus be by your side!

Deacon Connie & Marlyn Reeves - April 16, 2019 at 03:35 PM

MF

“ Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - April 15, 2019 at 09:11 PM



“ Our deepest condolences Joyce, and Thomas family. May God give you strength during this difficult time. You are in our prayers.



Cheryl Fentress-Nash - April 15, 2019 at 12:31 PM

WS

“ My condolences to Alice, Joyce and the rest of the Thomas family. I met Rufus back in the early '70's when i was a teen and my father brought to me to their home on 6th st. when the senior Thomas had a barber shop in the basement. Though we never really hung out together,we'd always speak in passing. We got closer after Rufus moved into the building i live in and i became his personal barber. We'd sit and joke about a lot. Three weeks ago he came to me about a problem in his apartment and sat until maintanance fixed the problem. I noticed something about his physique,asked had he been eating and he said he had a bad tooth wasn't able to chew. That was Bro' Thomas. Never wanting you to worry. R.I.P. Rufus No more pain.



Willie M Smith - April 15, 2019 at 11:41 AM

SP

“ My condolence to the family of Rufus Thomas.



Shelaine Parrish - April 15, 2019 at 09:24 AM

TH

“ Sorry for the lost of Mr. Rufus. He was a friend of the family and a very nice person to be around and laugh with. You will be missed by many people. R.I.H.

*Tiffany Henderson
(Willard & Linda's daughter)*



Tiffany Henderson - April 14, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ Denise Wilburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Denise Wilburn - April 14, 2019 at 08:09 PM

ND

“ NeYane Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



NeYane Daniel - April 13, 2019 at 12:04 PM

JD

“ JaNisse Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



JaNisse Daniel - April 13, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ *He was so sweet and nice we lived in the same apartment building oh the same floor he was so nice to everyone*

Trust Mcdaniel - April 13, 2019 at 03:50 AM

MW

“ *MARIE WASHINGTON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.*



MARIE WASHINGTON - April 12, 2019 at 10:56 PM

CM

“ *Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.*



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - April 12, 2019 at 10:10 PM

NR

“ *I have so many childhood memories with you Uncle Ruffus. You always made me laughed and would give me anything I wanted lol. I dont remember you ever spanking me not a pop on the hand. It hurts me that you left before I could see you. No more restless nights take your rest Unc and tell my daddy I miss him beyond words. #RipWillie#RipAuntLinda#RipUncleRuffus*

Nicole Rucker - April 12, 2019 at 06:56 PM

WT

“ Prayers to the family I known him for years when I lived on King Rd very nice guy an I knew his sister Linda also always joking around had good fun times with him he will be miss by many just keep looking Down on all of us Wilma Trevino

wilma trevino - April 12, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ Toshionna Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Toshionna Newsome - April 12, 2019 at 02:17 PM

JS

“ Jerry L. Banks Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



jerry l. banks sr. - April 12, 2019 at 10:25 AM

SH

“ Stephanie Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Stephanie Hall - April 12, 2019 at 09:02 AM

VH

“ Vanessa Humes-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Vanessa Humes-Johnson - April 12, 2019 at 08:07 AM

JO

“ JoyReeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



JoyReeves - April 12, 2019 at 07:37 AM

JO

I,miss you so much my big brother all the times we spent together talking every day about nothing but meaning everything to us 😭 losing you is so hard on me Jr 😭but I,know you are in a better place no more suffering no more pain thank you Jesus for giving me such an amazing big brother for me to love on and take care of ❤️ always in my heart baby never ever will I, forget you JR 😭 forever in my heart ❤️ RIP my Big Brother your sister Joyce will love you always ❤️❤️❤️❤️

JoyReeves - April 23, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ Myrtle Collier sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.



Myrtle Collier - April 11, 2019 at 10:33 PM

MV

“ *Monica Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.*



Monica Vaughn - April 11, 2019 at 08:24 PM

GD

“ *Gregory Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.*



Gregory Daniel - April 11, 2019 at 12:17 PM

GS

“ *Gregory Daniel Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Thomas Jr.*



Gregory Daniel Sr - April 11, 2019 at 12:16 PM