

Obituary

The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

Mr. Howard Thomas, Jr. affectionately known as Little Howard, was born on November 18, 1989, in Fort Polk, LA. He was the son of Howard Thomas, Sr. and the late Sally McGill Thomas. Howard departed this life and went to be with his heavenly father in glory on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

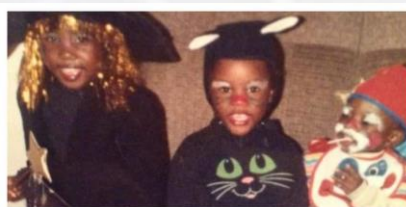
At a young age, he moved along with his father, mother, and sisters to Columbia, South Carolina. He was educated in the Richland County School System. He continued his education at Denmark Technical College, in Denmark, South Carolina, where he studied Barbering. After leaving Denmark Tech., Howard was employed for the City of Columbia. He then left the City and started working for Lanier Pools, where he worked until his passing.

On May 6, 2015, he married Samantha McDonald. To this union they were blessed with two children, Nikita Simone Thomas, affectionately known as Baby Girl and the late Howard Thomas III.

Howard was preceded in death by his mother, Sally McGill Thomas and stepbrother, Mario Finklea.

Mr. Howard Thomas, Jr. leaves to cherish his loving memory: his wife, Samantha McDonald Thomas; daughter, Nikita Simone Thomas, both of the home; father, Howard Thomas, Sr.; stepmother, Carrie Gause Thomas, both of Columbia, South Carolina; two sisters, Nyccole L. Thomas and Anntoynette N. Thomas, both of Columbia, South Carolina; two stepbrothers, Dr. Rondrick Williamson, of Atlanta, Georgia and Terrance T. (Valerie) Williamson, of Columbia, South Carolina; four nieces, Saria D. McKinley, Damoni J. English, Ashley N. Williamson, and Jasmine J. Williamson; one nephew, Terrance Williamson II, all of Columbia, South Carolina; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Memories



Order of Service

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 • 1:00 p.m.
Oak Grove Baptist Church
1063 Old Two Notch Road Elgin, South Carolina
Reverend Dr. Willie J. Thompson, Jr., Pastor

Prelude

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Hymn

Old and New Testaments.....Pastor David Lorick

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Clarence R. Johnson

Musical Selection

Reflections.....Mr. T.J. McDaniel
Mr. Kevin Thompson
Mr. Lance Lanier

Selection.....Ms. Janie Thomas
“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Words of Comfort....Reverend Dr. Willie J. Thompson, Jr.

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens
2603 Two Notch Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Family

*God gave each of us a special family
That we can call our own.
A family that loves us for who we are
So we would never feel alone.
They may not like everything we do
Or everything we say,
But the beautiful thing about "family"
Is that they love us anyway.
Sometimes we feel rejected
By people who do not care,
But our hearts are warmed when remembering
That our family is always there!
So hug them a little more often,
For sometimes we hurt the ones we love.
And tell them how much you love them,
For they were sent to you from above.*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Howard Thomas, Jr., would like to thank everyone for their concern and acts of kindness, during our time of bereavement. We thank you for the many acts of expressions through visits, phone calls, and prayers. May God bless each of you.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803)771-7799

Leevy's
FUNERAL HOME

Lower Richland Chapel
9120 Garners Ferry Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
(803) 776-6922

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-Owner & Director-

Chris Leevy Johnson
-President & Managing Director-

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-General Manager-

Celebration
of *Life*



Mr. Howard Thomas, Jr.