

Obituary

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Ryan M.J. Thomas, who gained his wings on June 13, 2025, at MUSC hospital at the age of 19.

Ryan was a beloved son, brother, cousin, and friend. He always made his presence known with his loud voice, radiant spirit, and infectious smile. His presence brought light and laughter into every room, and his absence leaves our hearts forever broken.

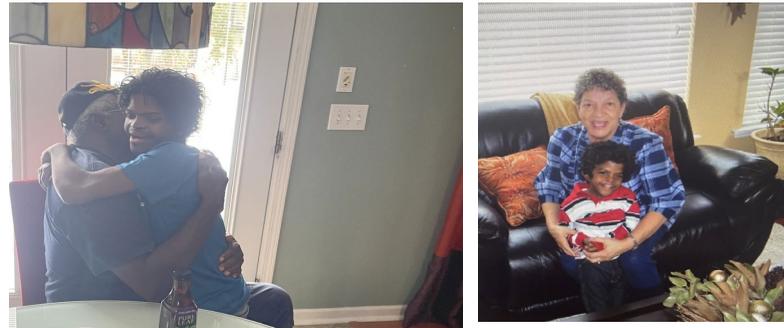
There was never a dull moment with Ryan, who was nonverbal due to Autism. He had a presence that spoke volumes. Ryan had a gentle soul, expressive smile and a vibrant personality that would light the room up. He was very clever, loving, and had the ability to connect with people in a unique way.

One of Ryan’s greatest joys was watching his sister play basketball. He would get excited during her games and was always her biggest fan. He loved music, water, and musical toys.

Ryan was a student at Blythewood High School. He leaves behind joyful memories and an everlasting impression on his teachers, aides, classmates, and caregivers.

Ryan M.J. Thomas leaves behind his loving family: parents, Kevin and Shillina Thomas; his devoted sister, Chase Thomas; a loving grandfather, Larry E. Mickens; uncles, Allen B. (Tara Martin), Edward F. Thomas, Frank R. Thomas, and Ryan M. Thomas. Ryan also leaves to cherish his memory, a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who adored him.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude.....“Missing You”
- Processional
- Opening Selection.....“In This Place”
- Scripture Readings.....Minister
 - Old Testament – I Corinthians 13:1-13
 - New Testament – John 14:1-6
- Prayer.....Reverend Rodney Lindsay
- Solo.....“I Look To You”.....Mrs. Yvonne McCory
- Remarks.....Mr. Larry Mickens
 - Mr. John Duffel and Mrs. Tracey Duffel
 - Mrs. Tasha Lyles Dreher
 - Ms. Chase Thomas
 - Mr. Kevin Thomas
- Poem.....Mr. Ryan Thomas
- Selection.....“Never Would Have Made It”
- Words of Comfort..... Reverend Rodney Lindsay
- Committal
- Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude



When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for
me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the
hand*

*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at
home*

*When God looked down and smiled at me from His great
golden throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow but today will always last
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the
past.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far
apart,
For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

Acknowledgement

We thank God for giving us such wonderful family and friends who have consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, love, cards, calls, and presence are appreciated. These acts of kindness have brought comfort to our hearts. May God continue to bless you.

Homegoing Service In Loving Memory of

MR. RYAN MICHAEL JOSEPH THOMAS



**SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025
1:00 P.M.**

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