



Gerald Van Thomas Sr.

April 16, 2020

Gerald Van Thomas, Sr. passed away at Ochsner Hospital on Thursday April 16, 2020 at the age of 69 from complications of COVID19. He was a lifelong resident of New Orleans who enjoyed spending time with family and friends but most of all his grandsons. Mr. Thomas was the son of the late Jimmie Thomas, Sr. and Mercedes Griffin Thomas. Gerald served his community as an RTA bus driver for over 30 years before retiring in 2004. Gerald was a proud graduate of George Washington Carver High School, Class of 1969 and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Southern University at New Orleans. Gerald is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sylvia Coleman Thomas; Children, Jounay Thomas-Ross and Gerald Van Thomas, Jr, (Houston, Texas), son in law, Ozzie Ross, Jr., Daughter in law, Enikie "Nikki" Thomas, (Houston, Texas); Grandchildren Dylan and Chance Ross, Kirtlen Patin of (Houston, Texas) and Jordyn Wheeler (Houston, Texas); Brothers Jimmie, Jr. (Shirley) of Arlington, Texas, Rudolph, Randolph, Sr. (Cassandra) of Houston, Tx, Ira, Sr., and Firmen Thomas; Sisters Angela McCampbell, Andrea Williams, Veronica and Holly Thomas; Sisters in Law Gail Tucker, Jeanette Coleman, Gaile Points Thomas, and Yvette Thomas; Brother in law John Coleman, Jr. of Winter Park, Fl.; Sister by love Deborah Stewart and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Gerald is proceeded in death by his parents Jimmie Thomas, Sr. and Mercedes Griffin Thomas, Brothers Armand, Sr., Patrick Sr., and Manuel, Sr.; Niece Sonia Thomas; Mother in Law Gloria Coleman; Father in law John Coleman, Sr.;

Sister in law Gail Thomas; and Brother in law Darryl Coleman.

Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus, Funeral Services will be private. Consult with the family and visit DW Rhodes Funeral Home Facebook Page for service Livestreaming.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be planned for a later date.

Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125;

Tribute Wall

AD

“ *Mrs. Thomas,*

My condolences and prayers to you and the entire Thomas family. God rest your husband's soul in Heavenly peace, and give you and the family peace, comfort, and strength.

*Love,
Anita W. Dennis
Former Co-Worker*



Anita W. Dennis - April 28, 2020 at 07:01 PM

K8

“ *Our condolences on behalf of the Bourgeois Family our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Family.
812 Bourgeois*

Kenneth R.Bourgeois 812 - April 25, 2020 at 01:27 AM

PM

“ *Condolences to the family from your family and neighbor on Eastview Drive, New Orleans.
Deepest Sympathy, Pat McClendon & Family*

Pat McClendon - April 23, 2020 at 11:55 PM

BS

“ *Benny, Jeanette, Meiko, Jauane, CJ, Lei & Shane purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerald Van Thomas Sr..*



Benny, Jeanette, Meiko, Jauane, CJ, Lei & Shane - April 22, 2020 at 04:21 PM

JC

“ *We will miss you deeply brother-in-law. We had the Blessing of being in NOLA for Sylvia's birthday celebration in October of 2019 and heard one of your stories that still has us laughing today. It will have us laughing, smiling and remembering forever. Remembering you for always making us feel welcomed in your home and being happy to see us whenever we visited. I personally enjoyed calling you whenever I had a do-it-yourself project and getting your advice over the phone because you seemed to be energized by the opportunity to help.*

We extend our heartfelt condolences to my sister Sylvia, to Jounay and Ozzie, Gerald Van, Dillon and Chance for the lost of someone so special in their lives.

Your family always, John (Benny), Jeanette, Jaumeiko, Jauane, Jarion, Jahleiah and Shane Benjamin Coleman.

JOHN COLEMAN - April 22, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Van Thomas Sr..*



April 22, 2020 at 12:13 PM

MG

“ Words cannot express our hurt or sorrow for the loss of a gentle, caring, loving individual. His concern for his family welfare goes beyond human imagination. I'm fiing to miss our monthly conversation and his presence at family gathering. I'm going to miss his voice and how he would say" alright Mr. P. V." Rest in Peace Gee. Gone but not forgotten. Our life together will forever be embedded in my heart and mind. Percy "P.V." and Wanda Griffin. May God continue to strengthen the family in times like these. Love abd prayers.

Min. Percy V Griffin - April 21, 2020 at 08:02 PM

GA

In my fathers house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you: that where I am, there you may be also. My heart is hurting for you my sister, nephews and niece, but know this, through our Saviour joy cometh in the morning. Forever your sister and aunt. Gail

gail - April 23, 2020 at 11:58 AM

BP

“ My dear brother and friend you will be sadly missed. But memories fun memories of our relationship will last forever. Rest in peace my brother. Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will remember you fondly as you move into Omega chapter our chapter of sweet rest.

Bobby Pierce - April 21, 2020 at 06:45 PM

C6

“ My condolences to the family of Gerald V Thomas I would just like to say I was just at a Birthday party with Gerald and his wife Sylvia and we were having a good time most of all laughing at Gerald because he had a phone in his pocket that he didn't know who the phone belong to we laughed and talked about that all night the party was just March 14, 2020 for one of our classmates this was such a shock to hear my prayers to the family . Cynthia class of 68 Carver High School

Cynthia M Jenkins Classmate Carver 68 - April 21, 2020 at 10:16 AM

CL

“ Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Gerald Van Thomas Sr. A Proverb says, "A true friend shows love at all times. And is a brother who is born for times of distress" And these are stressful times. May you continue to show love and comfort to each other as the days and weeks pass. Grief will be hard but the special memories that you all share of Mr. Thomas can help you all to cherish and be proud of his life. Well lived and well loved.

Christian love - April 21, 2020 at 10:11 AM

CG

My deepest condolences to the family and friends

Cousin Arabella Griffin - April 22, 2020 at 06:48 PM

RT

The Thomas family (John, Rachelle and lil JT) sends our sincere love and condolences to the Thomas and Ross family. Continue to entrust, rely and depend on the Lord during your time of lost. Where your comfort will continue to come from during your deepest and darkest moments. You may not understand the pain of this sudden and unexpected death of COVID-19, but God will keep you in perfect peace when we focus on him. In our prayers always.

Rachelle Thomas - April 23, 2020 at 10:11 AM