



## Thomas Franklin III

March 21, 2022

Picture it: 1961 —So much was going in New Orleans, Louisiana: John Fitzgerald Kennedy was president of the United States of America, Jimmie H. Davis was governor of Louisiana, de Lesseps Story Morrison, Sr., known as Chep Morrison, was the 3-term mayor of New Orleans. Then on Thursday, April 6, 1961, Charity Hospital recorded at 9:31 AM, Thomas Joshua Franklin III, has arrived! Born to Thomas Jackson Jr. and Fran Franklin, Thomas was the eldest of five children: Terrance, Troy, Gregory, and Tanya.

On Monday, March 21, 2022, Thomas Joshua Franklin III, surrounded by his devoted Mother and Father, family and friends, answered the call of the Almighty Father.

Thomas began his educational pursuit at Marie Couvent and Rivers Frederick. He was a proud graduate of the 1979 class of McDonough #35 Senior High School. Realizing it is never too late to learn, Thomas enrolled at Southern University at New Orleans at the age of 55 and graduated with honors from the College of Arts and Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

Thomas accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at One Methodist Church. Several years later, at the age of 15, Thomas joined Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and was baptized by the Rev. Moses S. Gordon II.

Thomas pursued an intense spiritual study of God's Word to be an approved workman.

Thomas enjoyed life and his favorite time of the year was Mardi Gras. Thomas was a member of Ashanti and Krewe of Thebes Carnival Clubs. He served as King of the Popular Ladies Social and Pleasure Club, King of the Dumaine Street Gang in 1999 and one of the founding members of Krewe of Mwindo. Thomas rode in Zulu as a Shaka Zulu Float rider year after year.

Thomas was preceded in death by his everloving grandmother, Mrs. Isabel (MaDear) Hall Franklin; grandmother, Martha Thibodeaux-Jackson; grandfathers, Frederick Franklin Sr and Thomas Jackson Sr father, Thomas Jackson Jr; brothers, Terrance, Troy and Gregory Franklin and sister, Cheryl Jackson-Lumar.

Thomas is survived by his dedicated and devoted parents, Fran Franklin Javers and Robert Javers; sister, Tanya Franklin-Chatman (James); adopted son, Daniel Joseph Dorsey; uncle, Frederick Franklin Jr.; aunts, Cheryl Franklin-Stewart and Florence Franklin; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and dear friends.

Relatives, friends, members of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Greater Evergreen Baptist Church, Gospel Soul Children, Inc., Community Fellowship Mission Auxiliary of New Orleans and McDonogh #35 Senior High School Class of 1979 are invited to attend Musical and Commemorative Service on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at Greater Evergreen Baptist Church, 2243 Clouet St., NOLA 70117. Visitation 4:00 pm and Musical will begin at 6:00 pm. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 2809 General Taylor St, NOLA 70115 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am. Entombment follows at Mount Olivet Mausoleum. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue.

Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Greater Evergreen Baptist Church  
2243 Clouet St.  
New Orleans, LA 70117

## Family and Friends

APR 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Greater Evergreen Baptist Church  
2243 Clouet St.  
New Orleans, LA 70117

## Visitation

APR 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fellowship M.B.C.  
2805 Gen. Taylor St.  
New Orleans, LA 70115

## Funeral Service

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APR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Fellowship M.B.C.  
2805 Gen. Taylor St.  
New Orleans, LA 70115

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ *RIP Thomas. Will never forget our conversations in the receiving area of WNB Main Office vault.*

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**Michael Delgado** - May 21, 2022 at 02:12 PM

HA

“ *BEST FRIEND EVERY HAD FROM HIGH SCHOOL TILL ETERNITY. WE LOVED TO CHAT ABOUT EVERYTHING. SO PASSIONATE , OUT SPOKING, GREAT SPIRIT, ETC*



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**Harold Allison** - April 13, 2022 at 03:15 PM

MW

“ *The McDonogh 35 Class of 1979 will forever hold the one and only Thomas Joshua Franklin III in our hearts. He was a shining light for us here and will continue be be a shining light in the heavens. Our deepest sympathy and condolences are with you Ms. Fran and your entire family.*

*Marcia Cottles Williams*



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**Marcia Cottles Williams** - April 07, 2022 at 12:27 PM

KD

“ Rest on cousin. There was never a dull moment when you was around. Will always be loved and truly missed. ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ Love Kellie



Kellie Decquir - April 05, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Franklin III.



April 05, 2022 at 11:01 AM

RF

“ My condolences to the Franklin family. Thomas Franklin you will be truly missed my friend RIP and Happy Heavenly Birthday.



Ryan Franklin - April 04, 2022 at 11:56 PM

JU

“ Ms. J, and Mc35 will forever mourn your passing and forever remember your amazing smile and friendship from the heart...



Joan Ulmer - April 04, 2022 at 12:05 PM

RJ

*Sending Prayers and Condolences to Fran and Family. I will always remember Thomas from our social place. Thomas always had a lively spirit. he will be greatly missed.*

*Ruby Jones*

**Ruby Jones** - April 06, 2022 at 09:11 PM

LH

“ *Its so much I can say about you 🥹 You have been my Rock since I met you Thomas, you always had kind words for me and any one going through something you was my light in my life you the memories I have of you will live on in my life forever I m going to miss you but what I do know is I will have another Angel looking over me..💕💕💕💕*

**Lydia Hunter** - April 04, 2022 at 10:08 AM

EW

“ *Sending Prayers and Condolences to the Family. May God Grant you all Comfort and Peace.*

*Elvera Williams*



**Elvera Williams** - April 03, 2022 at 06:46 PM

LC

“ *Thomas Franklin u will be Miss my friend RIP.*

**Leasia Cordier** - April 02, 2022 at 07:29 PM

KC

“ Kenneth Hall and Yvette Hall Curseen purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas Franklin III.



Kenneth Hall and Yvette Hall Curseen - April 02, 2022 at 12:07 PM

WE

“ Dear Thomas To Know You Was To Love You! 🧡 You Have Truly Earned Your Wings. It Was A Pleasure Know You, We Shared So Many Good Times Riding In Shaka Zulu, you Will Be Missed. Take Your Rest My Friend, God Has Chosen Another Beautiful Flower For His Garden. 🙏🙏🙏



Wayne MJ Wheeler, esq. - April 02, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Franklin III.



April 01, 2022 at 09:56 PM

TL

“ Troy Lynn Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Thomas Franklin III



Troy Lynn Lawrence - April 01, 2022 at 09:34 PM