



Rev. Johnny Thomas

September 11, 2012

Rev. Johnny Thomas was born July 30, 1940 in Oran, Mo. He confessed his hope in Christ at an early age. Rev. Johnny departed this life Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau. He and Earlean Clark Thomas were married Sunday, May 13, 1962 at Sikeston, Mo. He was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Tom Thomas; his mother, Queen Esther Thomas; daughter, Lisa Ann Thomas; four sisters; three brothers. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Earlean Thomas of Cape Girardeau; four sons, John Thomas of Leavenworth, Kan., Eric Thomas (Emily) of Cape Girardeau; Patrick Thomas (Allison) of Kansas City, Kan., Derrick Thomas of Fort Stewart, Ga.; three daughters, Queen Payne (Calvin) of Cape Girardeau, Constance Renee Miller (Gregg) of Columbia, S.C., Nakeba Williams of Kennett, Mo.; one stepdaughter, Beverly Morris (Kenny) of Sikeston, Mo.; a beloved granddaughter, that he and Earlean raised, Asia Thomas; 18 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; one sister, Imogene Hayes (Percy) of Milwaukee, Wis.; a host of special family and friends. Rev. Johnny founded and headed a training program and was president of Bootheel SEMO Legal Services. He served as chaplain at Menard Penitentiary in Chester, Ill., Southeast Correctional of Charleston, Mo., and Cape Girardeau Police Department. He was a counselor for juvenile delinquency. He was president of the Bootheel Ministerial Alliance, president of the Christian Liberty B.T.U. Congress. He performed college campus ministry with the Black Christian Fellowship. Rev. Johnny received a Doctor of

Divinity Degree and many other certificates of appreciation, and had many other accomplishments. He was loved by many people of all walks of life. He would give where he couldn't give any more. He was a very dedicated soldier for God. He was a lover of people. Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, September 14, 2012 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Funeral will be at 10:00 AM Saturday, September 15, 2012 at LaCroix United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Rob Mehner officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset of Memory in Sikeston. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Johnny Thomas Memorial Fund.

Tribute Wall

AN

“ to my best friend that i think so much of i will miss you dear you was there for my famliy and what evet we need. Rip.

Annie - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ Thanks to everyone for your support. My Daddy Rev. Johnny Thomas was a wonderful husband, Father, Friend, Pastor and great person. He's happy now and suffering no more. GOD called my Daddy home and I say THANK YOU GOD. For he makes no mistakes. My dad knew and served the LORD. Don't weep but be happy with GOD is where he resides now in heaven. Thanks Everyone! Love Renee Thomas-Miller

Constance (Renee)Thomas-Miller - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I am very sorry did not attend visitation or funeral service, I had a surgerial procedure preformed on Friday--We do send our prayers to the family and we did appreciate Rev. Thomas for everything he did and said to help lead youth and adults on the right path of life. May God Bless the Family! Love Donnie & Loraine McClinton

Loraine McClinton - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I wish to extend my condolences and let the Thomas family know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love the Johnson Family

Chassidy Johnson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Rev. Thomas. Phillipian 3:14 describes the man I believed him to be and the way he lived his life. "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Be blessed, Helen Arrington & Family

Helen Arrington - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ What a sad loss. We were your neighbors at 525 hanover. What a great family u were and support of our loss of our son mikey at 13 . We will indeed miss u. And the memories we shared. So so sorry earleen queenie and family. My god if there anything we can help with please let us know. Michael rachel sweet donna kristie michelle.

May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

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Michael and rachel sweet - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ There is no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

FRANKIE SHINE AND FAMILY - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ REV THOMAS WAS A GOOD MAN-WE ARE SENDING PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY-AS REV THOMAS WOULD SAY DONT CRY FOR ME (SORROW) BE HAPPY BECAUSE I AM WITH MY LORD. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust. Psalm 91:4

FRENTRESS WILLIAMS JR AND ANITA WILLIAMS - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ We love you and you will be missed.

May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ My feelings of sorrow & my broken heart are all relevant in receiving the news of my childhood pastor, dear friend and the epitome of a Godly man's passing. Through Rev. Thomas', soulful voice singing Jordan River: I knew what it was to receive the holy spirit, through his heartfelt sermon: I found the true meaning of having a real love for God. May the entire Thomas family, New Bethel congregation, family and dear friends find joy as I have, in knowing that Rev. Thomas is peacefully laying in the arms of our father God. Even from afar, my heart is there with you ALL in Missouri during this time. Rev. Thomas..forever you will be thought of and truly missed, as you sing with the mighty angels of Heaven for our God . I love you. ~Kellie~

KELLIE PRINCE - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Another Angel gone home to rest. Thanking God for blessing our lives with his presence.

Joyce Mitchell - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ We offer our sincere regrets that we will not be able to attend the homegoing celebration of Pastor, Johnny Thomas. I still remember the first Sunday the family came to New Bethel. We adopted one another and not only did you baptize our daughter Shae, but you married us as well. I can still hear you singing, Farther Along and Sending Up My Timber. Now your timber has built the house your faithful work has completed while you were here with us. Sister Thomas and family you all are in our continued prayers. Thank you Renee, my best friend, for everything. We love you. Rev. Christopher Sr; Shanna, Shae, Christopher II, Camdyn Livers. Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there I am there ye may be also. John 14:1-3

Christopher/Shanna Livers - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To Sister Thomas & Family. My heartfelt condolences go out to you all as I will not be able to attend the Homegoing services of my former Pastor Rev. Johnny Thomas. Rev. Thomas was a great friend and Pastor to our family. I still remember vividly singing in the Youth Choir and him explaining to me what it meant to make the commitment at the age of 10 to accept Jesus as my personal Savior and baptizing me. It's good to remember those who helped in my development of my relationship with Jesus. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during your time of bereavement. Jermaine, Deonandrea, Devin & Jordan Mondaine

Deonandrea Sides-Mondaine - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I worked with Johnny at FedEx , he was such an inspiration. He always came to work with a smile. Somehow he always knew when you needed a friend. I will truly miss him!

Deana Pennington - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ May the God we serve be with all of you and give you strength in the days ahead.

Rita Dogan Turner - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NO

“ Reverend u will be sadly missed god has called another precious home thanks for all the great memories. prays to the family lvv you the nocera

Nocera - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ my prayers go out to the Thomas family..new bethal will always be my church home pastor Thomas will always be my pastor...I served the church for many years as an youth usher..Easter speaches church praised dance plays..whatever event pastor Thomas supported are youth as a man of god I pray that he watches ever me..

bianca Johnson-Davis - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ My prayers go out to the Thomas family. I am so sorry for your loss and that I could not be there physically to support you. Please know that I am there in spirit and if there is anything that I can do, let me know. Nakeba, I love you and please know that if I could be there I would. Find comfort in knowing that Rev. Thomas is with his father and no longer suffering. My prayers are with you....

Teresa Johnson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ To Earlean and the rest of her family you have my heartfelt sympathy and prayers.

William Sr.& Katherine Henry - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ED

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GW

“ To the family of our former pastor, Rev. Johnny Thomas, we regret that we are not able to attend the celebration of his life with you. We appreciate with great fondness his love for our family. I will always remember his love for our dad, William Haynes. And 28 years ago, when our daughter Ebonee was born, Rev. Thomas stepped up to claim her as his god-daughter. As a former member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, we share in your sorrow. We sincerely regret that we are unable to travel home. May God bless all of you and know that your loss is felt in Iowa. May God continue to comfort you in the days ahead. Arnold A. Woods, Jr., Gretchen Arleen Haynes Woods, Ebonee Woods, and Arnold A. Woods, III.
Urbandale, IA

Gretchen Arleen Haynes Woods - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the transition of Rev. Johnny Thomas my Great Uncle. I want you all to know that I am praying for you. I am in college and I just heard the news so I am sorry I will not be able to make it to the service however you all are in my prayers and I will be sending a resolution. Be Encouraged and know God is a present help in the time of trouble! I love you all!!! Alex Erdmann-Son of Alex Lamont Thomas and Grandson of Kenneth & Macie Thomas
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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AG

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SD

“ My prayers are with the family.

Selista Dorsey(Blissett) - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ bernice and i send the family our prayers, rev. thomas had already sent his timber up to heaven rest my dear brother

michael sterling - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ My prayers and condolences go out to the Thomas Family. Rev. Thomas was the only other man that I called Paw Paw and he will be sorely missed. Thank you for the time, the love and the encouragement, my son (Semaj Bird) thought of you as his other Granpa because you gave him a reason to think of you as such...We love you and you will surely be missed. The Dockery-Jackson Family

GeVonee Dockery - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Rev. Thomas you are a great man of god and will be missed. Thank you for all your words of wisdom over the years. I know that you have sent up all your timbers and are now wearing a crown of gold. R.I.P.

Pat Colon - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ To the Thomas Family, My family sends their heartfelt condolences to you at this time. May god keep you, and continue to bless you. stay strong, and know "Weeping may endureth for a night, but joy comes in the morning...:-) We are keeping you in our hearts and prayers, God Bless, Judy Evans & The Evans Family

Judy Evans - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I'll miss pastor Thomas

semaj bird - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Johnny was one of the finest men I have every got to know, enjoyed the time I got to work with him at Fedex. His advance and inspiration will always be cherished and remembered in my life.

Jeff Thornbrough - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Uncle Johnny is my fathers brother. Uncle Johnny is has shown me the value of family. He has been there for me when I moved here from Wisconsin. He has been more like a father then an uncle to me. He will be missed but never forgotten by my family.

Kenneth Thomas Jr - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ Earleen and family although I can't make it to Rev. Thomas homegoing, I wanted to send you all my deepest sympathy; that I love you and will keep you all in my prayer. Love Your Cousin

Katherine Newson (Bae-Bae) - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Though I did not know Rev. Thomas, one of my very special students, Semaj Bird, did. If I knew nothing else about Rev. Thomas, I would know he was a great man because of the love Semaj has expressed for him. He even said that this man is like a father figure to him and put God in his heart. God bless Rev. Thomas for loving all who came he came in contact with. Semaj will forever be blessed because of Rev. Thomas. Know that there is a young man missing you dearly tonight and for forever. Keep guiding us all from heaven.

Julie Stausing - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ May God bless you and yours. He sang at my Dad,s funeral, Sending up my timber. Rest in peace my friend. You will be missed Larnice Mitchell-Hammonds

larnice mitchell _ hammonds - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Family, May God's love strengthen you now and im the days to come. Although a light has gone out in your world, the spirit of Rev Thomas will live forever in your memories and in your heart. The Conner-York Family

Linda Conner-York - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Earleen, our deepest sympathy to you and family. Rev. Thomas touched so many lives, including ours. May God comfort you and your family

Ruthann Brown & the Dogans - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I would like to send my condolences to Sis. Thomas and family. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to know such a great man of God. Rev. Thomas was a blessing to many people. He will be missed.

Dawn Herring - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I want to extend my sympathy to the Thomas family. Uncle Johnny was more to us than an Uncle, he was our friend. He led so many people to Christ, and for that we are thankful.

Jerome & Julie Thomas - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Sister Thomas & family may god continue to bless you and your family. If you need us just let us know. Love the Conner family.

Ross & Marlena Conner - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ I wish to extend my condolences and let the Thomas family know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. He was an amazing man and lived a full life and he was not only the kind of man people wanted to be, he was the kind of man people would be proud to be. With heartfelt sympathy, Ruby Edwards

Ruby Edwards - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM