



## Bruce Cleveland Thomas

August 31, 1945 - June 2, 2018

Bruce Cleveland Thomas was born August 31, 1945, in Homestead, Pennsylvania to Marion Caldwell Thomas and Walter C. Thomas. He was the second of seven children. God called him home quietly on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Bruce was active in sports and graduated from Homestead High School in 1964. He was blessed to be raised by three amazing parents; a mother who emphasized family, responsibility and unconditional love; a father who stressed hard work and perfection; and a remarkable grandmother, Grace Griffin (NayNay), who demonstrated love, compassion and kindness to everyone. Soon after graduation, Bruce entered the United States Army where he served his country honorably and then returned home. Bruce married Jackie Tilman and had a stepson, Robert Thomas. He accepted Christ at an early age and joined Clark Memorial Baptist Church.

Bruce was a tenacious worker who had numerous jobs throughout high school including working at WAM TV, the family business. Upon returning from the military Bruce worked at Westinghouse Electric, J&L Steel, D'Imperio's Restaurant and U.S. Airways. Bruce became a handyman and had a reputation for the quality of his work, genuine determination to help others and excellence in everything he did. Bruce also became an urban farmer and cultivated numerous plots in McKeesport. Most people who knew Bruce described him as fearless, humorous, wise, big-hearted, a true friend, multi-talented, athletic, hard-working, compassionate and inspirational. He loved

music, cooking and all sports and was an expert at everything he did. He loved his family and friends and would do anything to help them.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, grandmother, ex-wife Jackie, stepson Robert and brother Steven Walter Thomas. He will be lovingly missed by sisters: Carol Hickman (Gilbert), Gail Thomas, Valerie Njie (Saihou), Brenda Thomas, South Carolina, and Terri Thomas; brother Hameed Thomas and Guardian Angel/brother Paul Ditoppa (Marti); nieces Alanna Lane, Cynthia Thomas, Lingaire Njie, Njaimeh Njie, Martina Ditoppa, Maria Ditoppa; and nephews Steven Thomas, Nairobi Jones and Jibril Bailey-El and a host of cousins and friends.

“I’ve learned that people will  
forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget  
how you made them feel”.

Maya Angelou

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce Cleveland Thomas*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Bruce Cleveland Thomas*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



Pamela Hill

“ *I send my deepest condolences to the family of my cousin Bruce who I haven't seen since I was a little girl. May God bless you and keep you.*

Pamela Hill - July 22, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ *Hello, My Condolences 2 the Thomas Family. I will be keeping ur Family n Prayer.*

Priscilla Lawson - June 08, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce Cleveland Thomas.*



June 08, 2018 at 08:55 AM

DH

“ Bruce accepted me as his sister when we met about 28 years ago. I will always cherish his kindness and pleasant smile. I will certainly miss his homegrown collards and kale greens this year.  
*RIP Bruce Denine Hood*

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**Denine Hood** - June 07, 2018 at 10:54 AM

GB

“ Much respect for Bruce. We played side by side in football. He gave me strength and courage. Much Love for the family.

*George L. Buckner*

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**George Buckner** - June 06, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bruce Cleveland Thomas.



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June 06, 2018 at 05:51 PM

TT

“ The N-Motion Entertainment Team purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Bruce Cleveland Thomas.



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**The N-Motion Entertainment Team** - June 06, 2018 at 01:36 PM

CH

“ Hello my Thomas sisters, please know that Tas, Myque, Andre, Jaye and I are praying for you all and Bren we await you with open arms when you return to the Carolinas. Love you all much, Carolyn Henderson

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**Carolyn Henderson** - June 05, 2018 at 09:47 PM

LO

“ My dear childhood neighbors. You know Brucie was like a brother to me too, because when I saw Porky Bruce was with him. He was so kind and thoughtful. I love you all so much and am praying for you all. I've let Porky know and you know already that if we can get there we will be there. Asking God to cover us all with prayer and comfort during this untimely loss!

*Lorraine Astrop-Scroggins  
Columbus, Ohio*

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**Lorraine** - June 05, 2018 at 03:11 PM

RP

“ To; The Thomas Family ALL.

*I shared early life days with My friend Bruce. We were close and I would visit your home on 14th. We the Portis's always felt close to Your Family. We wish you Gods Peace and Comfort. Rest my Friend Bruce.*

*Richard G. Portis*

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**Richard G. Portis** - June 05, 2018 at 01:38 PM

LY

“ Valerie, Brenda, Gail, Carol and Terri,

*I know firsthand how incredibly loyal and close the Thomas family is. Your collective strength will sustain you through your loss. Imagine collective hands of friends that reach out to embrace you all.*

*With love,*

*Lynda Collie Johnson*

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**Lyndacj** - June 05, 2018 at 11:57 AM

ST

“ Val,

*My deepest sympathy, I am very sorry to hear your tragic loss. My prayers for peace and comfort go out to you and your family.*

*Warmest Regards,*

*Stephanie Viele (BTC)*

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**stephanie** - June 05, 2018 at 09:21 AM

CP

“ So many memories from childhood with Bruce. Such a fun person!  
*My heart goes out to the family. Keeping you in my prayers.*

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**Connie Portis** - June 05, 2018 at 08:34 AM

TF

“ Valerie,

*Our sincere condolences to you and your entire family on Bruce's passing.*

*Tony and Lark Fountain, Las Vegas, NV.*

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**Tony Fountain** - June 05, 2018 at 07:51 AM