



## Alexander Thomas, Sr.

March 9, 1925 - January 8, 2017

ALEXANDER THOMAS, SR., affectionately known as "L", was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at the age of 91. He is the fifth of eleven children born to Robert and Lily Thomas in Norfolk County, Virginia. "L" was a proud Army veteran of World War II. After he devoted service in the armed forces, "L" continued his career with the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Maryland. "L" became homesick and decided to move back to Portsmouth, Virginia. He became employed with the Norfolk Naval Air Station, then after, the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He retired from the government after giving them thirty-two years of dedication.

The best and the most beautiful thing in the world to Alexander Thomas, Sr. was his family. He took time to visit family members just to say "Hello". He also enjoyed being the transportation for many family and friends. "L" had an open-door policy. He gave shelter to those that were in need. On top of being a family person, "L" was a jack of all trades using his favorite tools (gray duct tape, nails, wires, and string). He was a mastermind at fixing anything and inventing new creations. Some of those new creations should have been patented. His other hobbies were collecting obituaries of family and friends, traveling, and watching and/or attending sporting events. Alexander Thomas, Sr. was a kind, caring, and loving person to all that came in contact with him. Alexander was truly an exceptional man!

Our family will continue to carry out those qualities of giving and caring for others just as he did. The Mark of a gracious man has been left upon us. "L" was predeceased by his daughter, Izora Thomas; his parents, Robert and Lily Thomas; his three sisters, Margaret Binion, Elizabeth Loney, Julia Brooks; his four brothers, Robert Thomas, Sr., Theodore Thomas, Julius Thomas, and Clyde Thomas, Sr.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his five sons, Alexander Thomas, Jr. (Carolyn), Grand Rapids, MI; Lawrence Thomas (Beverly), Portsmouth, VA; Nathaniel Thomas (Kyoko), Troy, MI; Vernon Thomas (Patricia), Jacksonville, FL; and Jerry Martin, Chesapeake, VA; his four daughters, Constance Patillo, Portsmouth, VA; Dorothy Littles, Norfolk, VA; Beverly McKinney (William), Suffolk, VA; and Min. Stephanie Williams (Boise), Chesapeake, VA; a step-daughter, Evangelist Dianna Harris, Portsmouth, VA; a god-daughter, Joan Davis, Portsmouth, VA; his three brothers, Sup. Leslie Thomas, Portsmouth, VA; Bishop Nathaniel Thomas, Sr. (Mary), Portsmouth, VA; and Walter Thomas, Portsmouth, VA; 23 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Olive Branch Cemetery

2 Cpl J M Williams Ave  
Portsmouth, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

## Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church  
5910 West Norfolk Road  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Alexander Thomas, Sr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 17, 2017 at 06:23 PM



“ Betty Cox lit a candle in memory of Alexander Thomas, Sr.



Betty Cox - January 23, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ Bernard & TENA Taylor lit a candle in memory of Alexander Thomas, Sr.



Bernard & TENA Taylor - January 18, 2017 at 06:05 AM

JH

“ *To the Family - Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,  
May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. May friends comfort you,  
Faith uphold you, Loving memories heal your heart,*

*With heartfelt sympathy  
Juanita Harris-Jones and Family*



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**Juanita Harris-Jones** - January 17, 2017 at 02:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - January 16, 2017 at 11:20 AM

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“ *Joyce and Harold Sanders-Wesley Chapel, FL purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alexander Thomas, Sr..*



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**Joyce and Harold Sanders-Wesley Chapel, FL** - January 16, 2017 at 01:19 AM



“ TaWanda Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Alexander Thomas, Sr.



TaWanda Thomas - January 15, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ We love you Uncle Ale. We're going to miss you dearly. Rocky, Angie, Mimi, & Cici

Clif Randolph - January 15, 2017 at 01:08 PM



“ I came into the Thomas family 6yrs ago married to Kevin Thomas. I never had a grandfather in my life and Granda L showed me the definition of the role of a grandfather. I truly feel blessed to have known him and I appreciate the Thomas family for sharing him with me and so many others. I love him and he will missed dearly ❤️🙏🏻😊

TaWanda Thomas - January 15, 2017 at 10:46 AM



Alecia Halison - January 27, 2017 at 07:32 PM

ER

“ He loved his grandchildren 😍



Erica - January 15, 2017 at 07:10 AM

KB

“ I am sorry for your loss of a brother, father, and a grandfather. Kippy



Kippy Barnes - January 14, 2017 at 06:41 PM

WO

“ Willie O. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Alexander Thomas, Sr..



Willie O. - January 14, 2017 at 03:02 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Alexander Thomas, Sr..



January 14, 2017 at 10:50 AM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 13, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ Brothers of The Neckbone Tour purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Alexander Thomas, Sr..



Brothers of The Neckbone Tour - January 12, 2017 at 05:12 PM



“ Marilyn Wahl lit a candle in memory of Alexander Thomas, Sr.



Marilyn Wahl - January 12, 2017 at 05:41 AM

CC

“ *Curtis and Vlvian Crutchfield purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Alexander Thomas, Sr..*



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**Curtis and Vlvian Crutchfield** - January 11, 2017 at 08:17 PM

CF

“ *Craig and Trish Fox purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alexander Thomas, Sr..*



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**Craig and Trish Fox** - January 11, 2017 at 07:39 PM

 Ciara Noelle

“ *Ciara Noelle lit a candle in memory of Alexander Thomas, Sr.*



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**Ciara Noelle** - January 11, 2017 at 01:29 PM

 Ciara  
Noelle

“ Grandad L was the best Grandfather I ever known my entire life he loved me and my sisters Chloe and Chelse dearly. He would always come by the house in his van and his Mazda whenever he had the chance and see how we were doing and play with our dog Miguel all the way up until he couldn't drive his self anymore. Boy could Grandad drive fast, 91 years truly a blessing and for him to be his age he was so sharp ! He would give us money each year for our birthdays and for Christmas. I loved going to his house to sit with him and watch TV and it was never a dull moment. I'm truly going to miss my dear Ol Grandfather L. Your in my heart forever. R.I.H ❤️  
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**Ciara Noelle** - January 11, 2017 at 01:21 PM

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“ My Grandfather was the greatest!!! When I was little girl I always remember him being there for me and my family. He would spend quality time with us , taking is the beach, the parks, the zoo, the air shows and many more places. He would always play with us. He would tickle us until we tell him "Granda I'm going to pee on myself " lol. He was always there for our school plays and accomplishments. You were guaranteed to see him in the crowd. When he would hear that you are feeling under the weather, he would bring a bag filled with oranges, apples, and canned soups. We are going to truly miss him. Until we meet again RIH Granda L



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**Alecia Halison** - January 11, 2017 at 08:31 AM

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“ We miss you Granda L. ❤️



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**Alecia Halison** - January 11, 2017 at 07:47 AM

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**Angel** - January 11, 2017 at 06:50 AM

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**Angel** - January 11, 2017 at 06:48 AM

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“ Alexander also known as Granda L is my grandfather. I am very blessed to have had such a wonderful Grandfather. I will forever cherish all the great memories we had. I am going to miss him so much. Rest peacefully Granda. I love you forever. ❤️

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**Alecia Halison** - January 10, 2017 at 07:16 PM