



## James Thomas

June 8, 1926 - September 29, 2020

JAMES "TOP" THOMAS also affectionately known as "Jimmie" a native of Portsmouth, VA. transitioned from earth to glory on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. He was the son of the late Vernon Eugene Thomas and Mamie Blake Thomas. After serving in the Army during WWII, James worked in several capacities at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard including ship joiner Shop 64, woodwork and carpenter. He was a former member of Zion Baptist Church where he served on the usher board. He leaves to cherish his memory two daughters Marie Chavis (Portsmouth), Sheila Lewis (Suffolk); grandchildren DeShawn Roulac (Texas), Lynetta Chavis Griffin (Virginia Beach), Christopher Chavis (Portsmouth), Daisha Jones (Lathan)(Florida); great grandchildren Brittnee Gunner (Portsmouth) Jay'Shaun Ellis (Portsmouth); a special nephew Vernon Thomas (Nevada), a special niece Santoria Mendoza (Washington, D.C.) and a host of nieces, nephews family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
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## Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of James Thomas

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - October 07, 2020 at 10:40 AM

VT

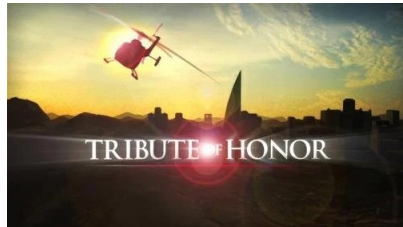
*Rip Uncle James.*

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**vernon thomas** - October 07, 2020 at 12:00 PM



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - October 05, 2020 at 09:00 PM

LW

*The family of Libbie Ware send deepest sympathies to the family of James "Top" Thomas.*

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**Libbie Ware** - October 06, 2020 at 10:51 PM

ES

“ To The Thomas Family: I extend my deepest sympathy at this time of your loss. Jimmie and I had many happy memories from the time he lived on Elm Avenue and was a patron of my store and at Greater Deep Creek Elk's Lodge.  
Bro Edward Earl Fortson, Sr.  
Past Exalted Ruler  
Greater Deep Creek Elks' Lodge #1033

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Edward Earl Fortson, Sr. - October 09, 2020 at 03:30 PM



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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 06, 2020 at 03:19 PM



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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 05, 2020 at 08:56 PM

JR

*Sending heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mr. James Thomas, Remembering the one occasion I met him, he appeared to be such a mild-mannered pleasant Warrior. There was an instant Battlefield connection to him, from that point on. I followed his life through his daughter Shelia. When Shelia came to the salon to get her hair done, I would make portions of a dish for her, and Mr. Thomas, being the honest person she is she on the next she would confess she ate the food before she got home to share with Mr. Thomas.*

*I will wait until I get to heaven to share With him she ate up his portions.*

*I wonder who is his favorite. 🤔*

*Jerry Rogers*

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**Jerry Rogers** - October 07, 2020 at 06:22 AM

BC

“ *Shelia and Family, I'm sorry to read about the passing of your father. May God give you all strength and comfort during this difficult time. Rest in Peace Mr. Thomas.*



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**Barbara Cross** - October 05, 2020 at 12:24 PM

PC

“ *May the love of our Lord Jesus Christ give you strength in this time of grief, and may His glory bring you comfort and peace. Our prayers are with you. We care!*

*Rev. Alexander G. Bell and Dr. Patricia E. Coker-Bell*

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**Patricia Evonne Coker-Bell** - October 03, 2020 at 07:58 PM



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



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October 03, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ *Melvin G. Huggins and Tarhia Morton-Huggins* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *James Thomas*.



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**Melvin G. Huggins and Tarhia Morton-Huggins** - October 02, 2020 at 01:09 PM