



## Robert Thomas Jr.

May 19, 1920 - January 25, 2014

Robert Thomas, Jr. quietly and peacefully entered into eternal rest on Saturday, January 25, 2014. He was born May 19, 1920 to the late Robert and Lillie Thomas of Norfolk County, Virginia. He attended Norfolk County Schools. Robert was in the United States Army and served his country during World War II. After leaving the army Robert worked at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, VA. He later retired from Hall Hodges Steel Co. after 40 years of service.

Mr. Thomas was a life-time member of Grove Baptist Church. He loved his church and his pastor. He was an active member of the Senior Usher Board for many years until his health began to fail. He loved baseball and was a loyal fan of Grove Women's Softball team. You could find him in the stands every week wherever the team played.

Robert was predeceased by his wife, Edmonia Ward Thomas; two grandchildren, Robert Jr. and Reginald; two great-grandchildren, Bryan and Vondre; three sisters, Margaret Binion, Julia Brooks and Deaconess Elizabeth Loney; and three brothers, Junious, Clyde, and Theodore Thomas.

He leaves to cherish his memory three daughters, Viola Elliott (William Sr.) and Odessa T. Lee (Robert) of Portsmouth, VA, and Jacqueline Elliott of Philadelphia, PA; one son, Russell Thomas (Symadar) of Portsmouth, VA; four brothers, Alexander Thomas, Sr., Bishop Nathan Thomas (Mary), Superintendent Leslie Thomas, Sr., and Walter Thomas (Yvonne) all of Portsmouth, VA; sisters-in-law, Catherine V. Epps and Vivian O. Ward of Suffolk, VA; brother-in-law, John T. Wards Jr. of Suffolk; seven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Robert Thomas will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.  
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the  
righteous Judge, will award to me on that day...

2 Timothy 4:7-8a

# Cemetery Details

## Olive Branch Cemetery

2 Cpl J M Williams Ave  
Portsmouth, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 30.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

**JAN 31.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Grove Church  
5910 West Norfolk Road  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Thomas Jr.



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - January 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To The Thomas Family:

*Please accept my condolences for the loss of your love one. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Thomas during my first visit to Grove in 1995. He greeted me with open arms and continued to do so throughout the years. He was truly a faithful member. I will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Janice L. Pierce*

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**Janice L. Pierce** - January 30, 2014 at 12:39 PM

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“ RIP Mr Rob. You lived a long life and GOD saw fit to call you home. My prayers are with the family. Cheryl Davis-Elliott

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**Cheryl Davis-Elliott** - January 30, 2014 at 09:15 AM

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“ Marilyn Wahl lit a candle in memory of Robert Thomas Jr.



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**Marilyn Wahl** - January 29, 2014 at 07:09 AM