



Mr. Willie Ralph Thomas III

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Dudley - Mr. Willie "Winky" Thomas, 39, passed unexpectedly on Sunday, April 26, 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the celebration of life will be private for family and friends. There will be public viewing held on Friday, May 1, 2020 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the J.B. Rhodes Funeral Home & Cremations, Goldsboro, NC, but the family will not be present and ask that you do not congregate after viewing to allow others the opportunity to view and employ social distancing.

He was born on October 3, 1980 in Newark, NJ to Willie and Dolores Baxter Thomas. He is survived by his mother, Dolores B. Thomas; his daughter, Aliyah Phoenix; his sister, Latonia Thomas and his aunt, Deborah Uzzell (Thera). He was preceded in death by his sister, Danyell Thomas and his father, Willie R. Thomas Jr.

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Events

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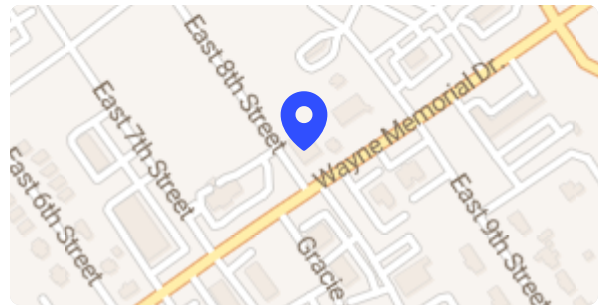
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Public Viewing

 **Friday, May 1, 2020**


 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

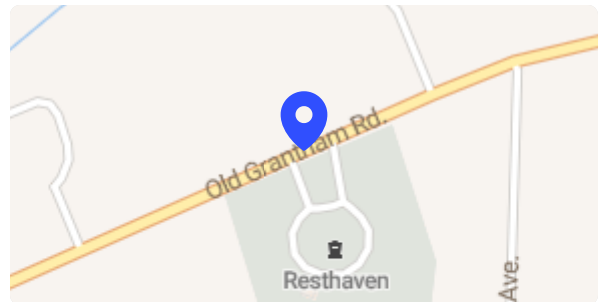
 **J.B. Rhodes Funeral Home and Cremations, Inc.**
1701 Wayne Memorial Dr., Goldsboro NC 27534



Cemetery Details

 **Wayne Memorial Park North**
1191 Old Grantham Road, Goldsboro NC 27530

 **(919) 580-9888**





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SE

Seymour Johnson Exchange lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Your Seymour Johnson Exchange family wants to send you and your family our deepest condolences at this time.

May 4 at 7:13 AM



SW

Shuketa Bryant-Williams posted:

I remember when we met and you showed me around, told me who to talk to and who not to talk to, then we realized we had so much more in common and became great friends. That was 18 years ago. I am going to miss you so much. Missing the random text messages just to say hello and the goofy memories we shared. Your physical body is gone, but your spiritual presence will always be felt. Sleep easy Winky, always in my heart.

May 2 at 3:06 AM

KT

K. Turner lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Sending my condolences and prayers to your family during this time. It was a pleasure having the opportunity to know and work with you. You had a great spirit.

May 1 at 7:46 PM



GK

Gloria Kenon lit a candle in honor of Willie.

You will be greatly missed my friend.

May 1 at 5:08 PM



Sha Chavis lit a candle in honor of Willie.

You will be greatly missed by your MHFC family ❤️

May 1 at 12:37 PM



EL

Evon & Doris Rowe Lassiter lit a candle in honor of Willie.

May 1 at 9:48 AM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thomas family.

May 1 at 8:43 AM



Greg And Eric Barnes sent a Your Light Shines to the Thomas family.

May 1 at 6:55 AM



Ethelene And Benjamin Barnes sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Thomas family.

May 1 at 6:43 AM



Gail Washington lit a candle in honor of Willie.

Sending heartfelt condolences your family during this difficult time! Praying strength, and peace! 🙏🙏

May 1 at 5:34 AM



Kimberly Brown lit a candle in honor of Willie.

May 1 at 4:56 AM



April lit a candle in honor of Willie.

April 30 at 10:55 PM





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Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Thomas family.

April 30 at 6:07 PM



Anonymous sent a Majestic Heart to the Thomas family.

April 30 at 5:12 PM



Tarsha Crosson posted:

3 years ago I met Willie..who introduced me to his friend Claude. From that point on it was "Willie and Claude". Not only was you a dependable coworker but you became my friend and my brother! You are forever loved and greatly missed! Tarsha Crosson (MHFC-Insight)

April 30 at 5:11 PM



Claude Brown Sr posted:

Willie was my coworker, my friend, & my brother. I was heart broken they day he left us. The selfish part of me will miss him & wish he was here. The love I have him & memories will comfort me knowing he is in a better place. My condolences goes out to the family!

April 30 at 5:07 PM



Eshia Graham lit a candle in honor of Willie.

April 30 at 3:51 PM



Stephanie Pearsall lit a candle in honor of Willie.

April 30 at 2:29 PM





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CD

Crystal Daniels posted:

There are so many memories of my Southern Plaza brother that I will hold close. He is definitely gone too soon but his memory will forever remain alive in our hearts. ♥♥ #southernplaza4life

April 30 at 12:57 PM

EH

Ellen Hobbs lit a candle in honor of Willie.

April 30 at 9:12 AM



ET

E. Conrad Trice lit a candle in honor of Willie.

W. T. III rest in peace. Knew you to be a thoughtful and a considerate man, one we could count on when needed. E. Trice

April 30 at 8:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thomas family.

April 30 at 8:08 AM



DE

Debraarrington posted:

May you RestIn peace

April 30 at 2:45 AM



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Glenn Brand posted:

W.Thomas...words can't express how I'm feeling right now! We done it together.... starting at detention to private security! Until we meet again, RIP my brother!G.Brand

April 29 at 4:46 PM



Raymond Rivera April 30 at 9:03 AM

My heart goes out to his family and daughter. W. Thomas I enjoyed working with you at WCSO. Until we meet again rest easy my brother.



Tiffany Powell posted:

To truly explain the impact that Willie had on his Methodist Home Family is impossible. He was always going above and beyond for the agency and the youth. EVERY facility, across the state, knew exactly who to call when they needed help. Willie and Claude were the MHC dream team. The friendship that they developed over the years was something I'm grateful to have witnessed. Their constant joking and laughing make coming in everyday a joy. The bond and family formed over the last few years at Craven is something we will never be able to duplicate. I hope his family knows what an absolute pleasure it has been to get to be apart of his life the last few years. He is one of the best people I will ever know. A true role model for all of the young men that came through our doors. It has been my privilege getting to know him. XOXOTiffany Powell

April 29 at 3:50 PM



Monee Daniels posted:

My Winky! Still in awe over your passing. Say Hello to Dad, Danyell & Mama Pearl for me. Sending my prayers & heartfelt condolences to my Best Friend Latonia, Mama Dee, AJ & Amari! 💜🙏

April 29 at 4:42 AM



Wcso Detention Division lit a candle in honor of Willie.

We're sending our condolences to the Thomas Family during the loss of our dear co-worker. Your loving heart, loyalty, and smile will be truly among all of us. We pray God will grant you all with comfort and strength during this time. When someone we love and care for it becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. W. Thomas Rest In Heaven with much love.Love & Sincerity,Wake County Sheriff's OfficeDetention DivisionSquad 3, 4, & D-Platoon



April 29 at 2:47 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Willie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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