



## Lawrence Thomas

July 22, 1955 - July 8, 2010

THOMAS, Mr. Lawrence E. – Age 54, passed away Thursday, July 8, 2010 at McLaren Regional Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 15, 2010 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd. with funeral services commencing at 11:00 a.m., Pastor Marvin A. Jennings, Sr. officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 a.m. Thursday. Mr. Thomas will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12 noon-8 p.m. Wednesday. Mr. Lawrence E. Thomas was born on July 22, 1955 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to Maxim Thomas and Jerlean Ryce. He relocated to Akron, Ohio in 1960 and attended Akron Public Schools. He graduated from John R. Buchtel High School in 1974 and was a member of the football, basketball and track teams. He was nicknamed “Lawn Mower” by his teammates and friends. After graduation, he enrolled at Ohio State University and played football under the legendary coach Woody Hayes. He graduated in 1978 with a degree in Business Administration. It was at Buchtel High School where he met the love of his life Joyce Anita Jones. Joyce and Lawrence were married on June 3, 1978 and to this union one child was born, Nicole A. Thomas. Nicole affectionately referred to Lawrence as “Father”. After relocating to Flint, Michigan, Lawrence worked at Pepsi, Hurley Hospital and the Flint Police Department. Lawrence was a member of Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church and was an avid sports fan. He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 32 years, Joyce A. Thomas;

loving daughter, Nicole A. Thomas of Southfield, MI; parents, Vernell and Jerlean Easter; father-in-law, Johnny J. Jones, Sr.; stepsister, Melvon (Kenny) Stokes, all of Akron, OH; 3 aunts, Future Sims of Carson, CA, Clara Ryce of Pine Bluff, AR and Arjetta (Emmitt) Thomas of Grady, AR; 2 uncles, Otis (Mary) Ryce of Akron, OH and Lynbird Thomas of Pine Bluff, AR; 3 sisters-in-law, Sandra Hairston of Flint, Jo Ann Jones of Detroit, MI and Pamela Jeter of N. Hollywood, CA; 4 brothers-in-law, Herman Hairston of Jackson, MS, Perry Miller of Flint, Johnathan Jones of Paducah, KY and Jason Jones of Akron, OH; niece, Antoinetta Hairston of New York, NY; 2 nephews, Edward Peat of Ypsilanti, MI and Antonio Hairston of Cleveland, OH; godsons, Shawn McClain and Trintine; goddaughter, A'Liyah Flynn; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. Mr. Thomas was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mattie Ryce; mother-in-law, Jessica Miller-Forrest; cousins, Steven Allen and J.C. Smith and brother-in-law, Johnny J. Jones, Jr. The family wishes to express special thanks to Pastor Marvin A. Jennings, Sr. and the Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church family, Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and Lloyd Mays.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Thomas*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *LT,*

*You will truly be missed. My husband and I will always remember you providing security at our wedding. Rest In Peace, my friend*

**Kimacka Randle** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family of Off. Lawrence E. Thomas: I met Off. Thomas while we both worked at the FPD. I really got a chance to meet him while he was on light duty due to an injury. Until then he was very quiet. But we would laugh and talk on several occasions as he was assigned to the Detective Bureau Desk. Off. Thomas was a great guy. Because of an appointment, I was unable to attend his services. I did get a chance to view Off. Thomas. What an excellent Obit. The best I have ever seen. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Elder Charles Woods** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joyce and Nicole. I was saddened to hear of Lawrence's passing. I know there are no words that can take away your pain but hold onto God's loving hand and He will give you the support and comfort needed to get through this. If there is anything Lynise and I can do please let us know. God bless. Lynn*

**Lynn Barbee** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Just a message to let you know that you are in my thoughts. May the peace and love, that only God offers, guide you through this time and beyond.

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**Perry Turner** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Joyce & Nicole, I continue to lift you up in prayer. Remember, to be absent from the body is to be present with the heavenly father. The Father & Lord to us all. Although you may feel alone at this time, he will never leave you nor forsake you. Cast ALL your cares on him. For he shall be the source of your strength. ..Love You Both, Deb Kemp

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**Debra** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ My deepest sympathy to a wonderful person Joyce and her daughter for the loss of a husband and father. I know it hurts to lose someone you truly love but God knows how to love you and keep in his arms. Whenever you need to cry, talk, or just need to walk with someone, remember God never left you just call his name and he will deliver.

*Love the Ford Family  
A.K.A DeVynne*

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**Denise Ford** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Joyce,  
*I wanted you to know how sorry I am for your loss. There are never the right words to express how deeply sad I am that you have to endure your loss.*

*Your loss is also my loss and I am here to help you in any way I can.*

*With deepest sympathy.*

*Love,*

*Simone*

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**Simone Smith** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Joyce and Nicole,*  
*You have my deepest heartfelt sympathy. I have always known Lawrence to be a kind hearted and soft spoken man who dearly loved his family. You both are in my prayers.*

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**Carol Gardner** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ To the entire Thomas family,

*May God strengthen you during this most difficult time in the lose of your Son, Husband, and Father as in God's word from Isaiah 41:10 "Fear thou not: for Im with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee:, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Just those words straight from God will bring comfort when we don't always understand when God want's us in his loving arms.*

*So rest assured, God will, and God is with you never leaving you nor forsaking you.*

*Prayers of Strength,*

*Loria Corder*

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**Loria Corder** - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM