



(Retired) Lonnie Carl Thomas

August 6, 2011

THOMAS, (Retired) Lt. Lonnie Carl - Age 77, passed away Saturday, August 6, 2011 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10 a.m. Friday, August 19, 2011 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11 a.m. Pastor Kenneth Boykins officiating, Pastor Lewis Randolph, Host Pastor. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10 a.m. Friday. Lt. Thomas will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12 Noon-8 p.m. Thursday. Ret. Lt. Lonnie C. Thomas was born April 26, 1934 in Sulligent, Alabama, the son of Ida Mae Bell and Jerry Thomas. Lonnie was a lifelong resident of Flint and a member of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. He attended Flint Public Schools, graduating from Flint Northern High School, "Class of 1953. Shortly, after Lonnie made a brave decision to serve his country by joining the United States Army, and later the Marines. He was Honorably Discharged from both branches of the military. Later on, Lonnie fell in love and was united in Holy Matrimony in 1961. Lt. Thomas was previously employed with the United States Secret Service before he joined his "Boys in Brown" at the Genesee County Sheriff Department in 1963. He was employed by the department for 28 years, where he made many true friends before retiring in 1991. Lt. Thomas was a kind-hearted person who devoted much of his time and energy helping people, especially children. He loved traveling, nature and taking pictures of others. Lt. Thomas was known to

many as “Dad”, because of his caring and giving nature. He leaves to cherish his memory: son, Lonnie Carl Thomas, Jr. of Lansing, MI; grandchildren, Lonnie Carl Thomas III, Erik Clayton Thomas and Andre Thomas; 10 great-grandchildren including Erik Jr., Akyra and Erika; 1 stepbrother; aunt, Susan “Big Sis” Barr of Boston, MA; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends including Ret. Sgt. George Wilson and Malandus Sonny Wilkes. Lt. Thomas was preceded in death by her mother, Ida Mae Tiller; father, O.B. Tiller; 8 aunts; and 4 uncles. The family would like to express special thanks to Sgt. George Wilson, , Genesee County Sheriff Department, United States Army and Marines.

Tribute Wall



“ *(Retired) Lonnie Carl Thomas*

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“ *He cared.. for real. I loved this man and always will. My world was a better place because Lonnie was in it. I will surely miss that amazing smile and warm heart. He never judged me because I was bad. He loved me because he seen good in me. No one else did. he cared... for real.. Because he was real..*

Henrietta Craft - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My opinion of Lonnie Thomas is that he is TOP NOTCH none other like him, TREATED people with RESPECT. He will always be remembered in our thoughts hearts and prayers. ANYONE that knew Lonnie Loved him!! We spent many hours talking to Lonnie about neighborhood problems! He will DEFINATELY be Missed!*

*Love Always,
Vern & Mary Faircloth
thank you for serving Flint Michigan*

Vernon & Mary Faircloth Sr. - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family of Lonnie,
I want you to know that Lonnie was and always will be my HERO!
HE cared for everyone, I can remember the times that he talked
with my parents about neighborhood problems and he actually
cared! Just know that there will NEVER EVER be anyone else to
take his place! I know that he is in HEAVEN and that one day I will
see him again! Rest in Peace Lonnie, you will never be forgotten!
Thank you for allowing us the priveledge to know and LOVE
Lonnie!!

Kimberly Marie Jacobson (Bristol-Faircloth) - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *"HOW BLESSED ARE WE WHO PUT OUR FAITH IN GOD."* No
matter how difficult it is in leaving your Loved ones behind, we know
that God promised us that we would be reunited again with those
who have gone on before us..Our prayers are with the family for
Strength, Peace, and Comfort in your time of bereavement."*TO
GOD BE THE GLORY ."*Sis. Sandra Epps, Director

Sis.Sandra Epps - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ What can be said about this man that hasn't been said? He was a
father to me in all areas of life. He taught me what a man is, to
respect others; he made me understand and showed me that there
is more to life than what you see in Genesee County. Dad, Father,
friend and blessing are just a few of the titles I held him to. No one
but he and God can really understand the LOVE that I have for this
man. He made me proud to be his son

Larry (Poncho) Cordell - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ To every one who loved him like a dad, I know that we all have loving memories of the times we spent with him. I certainly know I do, and I?m thankful that I have those memories. Our memory can not be taken from us. So hold on to them. He will be missed but not forgotten. LOVE ALL OF YOU MY BROTHER AND SISTER GOD BLESS your SISTER JACQUETTA (Jackie)

jacquetta - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ My teen years were much enriched having Lonnie and his two kids in my life! We camped and vacationed together. Lonnie was full of it and it overflowed onto those around him. I am glad he let me get close enough to get some on me. Even though I hadn't seen him in years I though of him often and still practice lessons learned from him. Fond memories of a great friend.

Gary W. Coggins - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Your heart always held a special love for Poncho and I. We would love to shine the bottons on your shirt and polish your boots until they sparkled like diamonds. We could wake up in the middle of the night and the next thing you knew we were in Mackinaw City. Thank you of all the life lessons you taught Poncho, he will carry them forever. Just like a diamond you will sparkle forever. Lonnie, Poncho and I.

Jennie Robinson-Cordell - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ I will always love you and show pride to be you daughter.you are sadly missed.

love you for life.

Angela Wey(A.K.A) Angelina Thomas - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I called Lonnie "Uncle Lonnie" even though he was my god father , I love my uncle with all my heart. It hurts me to know he's gone, but at least I know he has gone to a safer and better place. I will miss him forever and always. I have a lot memories with him:) He was such a nice and caring person, he always smiled! I know he's now smiling down saying everything will be ok. Rest in peace Uncle Lonnie. Your niece/goddaughter will miss you always.

Amanda Collins - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Lt. Thomas. "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think of you". Lt. Thomas was a man of character. I worked with Lt. Thomas back in the day.

I pray that you family will cherish the fond memories you have of your loved one, share and visit them often. May God provide peace for you now and forever more.

Cerese

Cerese Simpson Pennington - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Miss you dad Cornell, Harold Mark, Marleta, Eric, Invicta, Jacquetta Jones. Love You!

The Jones family - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Lonnie was a truly kind and caring man and very funny man. Me and my Mija (Daughter) (Shasta) laughed all the time when we were around him.
My Mija (Daughter) (Shasta) use to call him Uncle Lonnie as he wanted her too!
Will always treasure the great memories and blessings you brought upon our lives.

Sincerely Maria

Bryant W. Nolden - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ You will be miss. God new what is best.
Love Doris .

Doris Nunn - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ I miss you grandpa, you were a good man.
When i grow up, and become a man i want to be the kind of man you were. Be Kind,
work really hard and respect others as you did. I will miss you. And your smile.

Love Jr.

George A Hedrick Jr - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“Dad, you will be missed so much by the Jones family. I remember the day you came into our lives and gave us the love and affection that we will always hold dear in our hearts. We loved the times that we traveled together as a family. Your love for everyone shined as radiant as your smile. Thank you Dad for being you.

Marleta Brown - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“Dad you are going to be truly missed by me and my children. You brought such wonderful joy to my life as I was growing up. You are a god sent angel. I love you very much. Love Jenny Mae and children.

Jeannie Billington Jenkins - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM