



Mr. Thomas Whitehead

December 18, 1929 - June 29, 2013

WHITEHEAD, Mr. Thomas - Age 83, passed away peacefully, Saturday, June 29, 2013 at Kith Haven Nursing Home. Family hour 10 a.m. Friday, July 5, 2013 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Rev. Robert Jones, officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 10 a.m. Friday. Mr. Whitehead will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, and may be viewed from 12 noon-6 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. Thomas E. Whitehead was born on December 18, 1929 in Enfield, North Carolina, to parents Berry and Melissa Whitehead. Thomas was the sixth child of thirteen siblings, which included six brothers and six sisters. He spent his early years working on his parent's farm and becoming an avid outdoorsman who loved both hunting and fishing in the North Carolina woods and waters. On February 21st, 1958, Thomas married his sweetheart, Meria Cooper. The couple soon moved north to start a family of their own, briefly staying in Berea, OH, before settling in a home in Flint, Michigan in 1963, where they raised five children (Jill, Douglas, Andre, Judy and Toni) and two grandchildren (Veldez and Dominique). In Michigan, Thomas worked for various construction companies as a skilled mason, until he retired in 1977.

In addition to his love of the outdoors, Thomas was also a huge boxing,

baseball and basketball fan, particularly of the college teams of North Carolina. He also greatly enjoyed gardening, so much so that he and Meria had one of the largest private vegetable gardens in the city of Flint. It was so inspiring, that the Flint Journal once ran a full page article about it, famously nicknaming the couple as “The City Tillers.”

However, Thomas’ greatest love was spending time with his friends and family. It was commonplace to pull into his driveway to find him working in the garden, and be greeted by his familiar “There He Comes!” Quick with a smile and a kind word, he would find the time to sit and visit with most anyone, happily discussing everything from the score to last night’s ballgame to what the catfish were biting on down at the lake. Later in life, he loved sitting with his children and grandchildren, captivating them with stories from his youth in North Carolina and beaming with pride while listening to tales from their own lives. Thomas Whitehead: Friend, Neighbor, Brother, Husband, Father, Grandfather. You will be missed dearly and remembered always. Rest in Peace and in God’s graces.

He is survived by: his wife, Meria; daughters, Judy (John) Knorr of Ann Arbor, MI and Toni Whitehead of Flint, MI; grandchildren, Veldez and Dominique Whitehead of Flint, MI, Chris Chaney of Ypsilanti, MI, Branden, Grace, and Sean Knorr of Ann Arbor, MI; great-grandchildren, De’Kori Whitehead, Kelsha Hopson, Landon and Sophia Zachary; siblings, George (Mary) Whitehead of Enfield, NC, Novella Ashe, Betty Wright, both of Flint, MI and Lorraine Allen of Washington, D.C; a host of nieces and nephews including special nephew, Hoover Whitehead Jr. of Flint, MI; In-laws, Paul (Diane) Cooper and Clementine (Lewis) Wright of Flint, MI, Novella Ricks, Wilhemina Artis, Joyce Milke, Marvin Cooper and Michael Cooper of North Carolina, Minnie Whitehead and Gilda Whitehead of Virginia; a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Whitehead was preceded in the afterlife by his daughter, Jill; sons, Douglas and Andre.

The Whitehead Family would like to convey their deepest gratitude to the 2nd Floor South Station Staff at Kith Haven Nursing Home for their tender care of Thomas in his final days.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 4. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
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Family hour

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas Whitehead*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Tara Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Whitehead*



Tara Walker - July 24, 2013 at 11:15 PM



“ *Angela Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Whitehead*



angela miller - July 03, 2013 at 12:27 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Whitehead family especially our daughter-in-law Judy. Hang on to all your memories because then Thomas is only a thought away,
Love, Maxine and Tom McCullough*

Maxine McCullough - July 03, 2013 at 09:36 AM

JK

“ 4 files added to the album *Thomas Whitehead*



john knorr - July 02, 2013 at 11:02 PM

DH

“ *I sit here so sadden of the news of Mr. Whitehead's passing. I have so many memories of having so much fun at their home as a kid. Getting in trouble with Doug, Andre and Jill was the norm. Mr. Whitehead would say a few words and they knew he meant business. I departed home at 19yrs of age and over the years made my way back to Baltimore Blvd. I'm over 50yrs an still go by their home when I'm in town, I never called you Thomas.....*

Darren (Don) Harden - July 02, 2013 at 08:17 PM

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“ Dear Whitehead Family and Friends,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. I too have lost several loved ones in death, and the pain is fresh, even with the passage of much time. Thankfully, I have found relief in knowing that "The Most High God" is the "Hearer of Prayer", and a source of tremendous comfort in times of grief and distress. (Psalms83:18, Psalms65:2) Please be assured , death will soon be "swallowed up forever" and we will have the opportunity to see our dead loved ones again. (Isaiah 25:8) My family and I wish you and yours peace. (Phillipians4:7)

Lisa - July 02, 2013 at 12:35 PM

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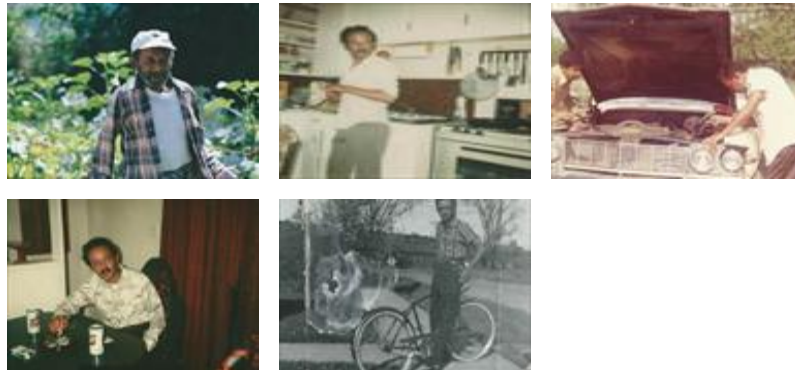
“ Char Pippins And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Whitehead



Char Pippins and Family - July 02, 2013 at 10:25 AM

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“ 27 files added to the album Thomas Whitehead



John Knorr - July 02, 2013 at 10:09 AM

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“ I will always love my Uncle Tommy..I will never forget all of the times he'd take me to the store to buy my candy. .he had a station wagon and would have me stand up next to him, his arm around me and my arm squeezing him around his neck tightly, all the while with the biggest smile on my face:).. I will miss him dearly and think of him often. Im thankful for the long life he was blessed with, for all of the Sundays that my dad took us to visit him n his family, for loving my dad, Hoover Whitehead Jr so much, and for giving me beautiful cousins and an aunt, that is here for my family and I to still love. .I love u Uncle Tommie. Love Always, your niece Rhonda (Whitehead) DeLaRosa..?????RIP?

Rhonda (Whitehead)DeLaRosa - July 02, 2013 at 03:13 AM

CB

“ Meria, Judy & entire Whitehead family, so sorry to learn of your loss. May God bless & give you each the strength to endure during these trying hours. Hold on to those precious members - they help the healing. God Bless you, Cherry Brown & Family

Cherry L. Brown - July 01, 2013 at 06:41 PM

GK

“ Although I do not have many memories with Thomas, I knew that he was a survivor, he made it through thick and thin, he dealt with the pain, and he still left this world peacefully. Thomas is definitely a survivor, and his legacy will stay in our hearts forever.

Grace Knorr - July 01, 2013 at 05:47 PM



“ A Grandfather who has been a father to me, literally.... T. White thanks for the years of memories and countless life lessons that I have learned as a result of your own life experiences. The one that I will remember most is "Poo, do a job right the first time and you won't have to do it again".

Veldez Whitehead - July 01, 2013 at 04:47 PM