



Thomas James Ward, Jr.

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Thomas James Ward, Jr., 58, of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, September 19, 2025, in a local hospital. He was educated in the Chattanooga Public Schools. He was the Mascot for Howard High School and graduated with the Class of 1985.

Thomas was a landlord for the Meeting Company. He was a faithful member of Revival International.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jacqueline Yvonne Ward; father, Thomas James Ward, Sr.; niece, Jernay Cal; grandfather, Alex P. Rice; uncles, Donald Rice, Clarence Ward, and Darren Ward.

Survivors include his life-long friend of 35 years, Antoinette Early; brothers, Teato Ward and Willie (Carolyn) Simmons, both of Chattanooga; sisters, Yvette (Wayne) Johnson of Atlanta, GA, Jacqueline Thomas, Elaine Jordan, and Karla (Gary) Lansden, all of Chattanooga; uncles, Johnny Ward of Buford, GA, Vincent Ward, Wilter Thomas, Toney Thomas, and David Lee Ward, all of Chattanooga; aunts, Pearleene Smith, Yvonne Ward, Alice Faye Ward, and Wanda Ward, all of Chattanooga; a host of nieces; nephews; special great-niece, Nyreona "Chickenloo" Ward who followed him in Christ; and many cousins; and many friends.

Thomas will lie-in-state on Thursday, October 2, 2025, from 1-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday, October 3, 2025, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel with Pastor Matthew Boameh as the Eulogist. Burial in Highland Memorial Gardens.



Events


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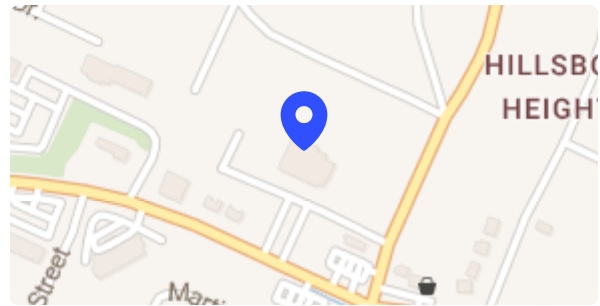
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Lie-In-State

 **Thursday**, October 2, 2025

 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET


 **Taylor Funeral Home**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076

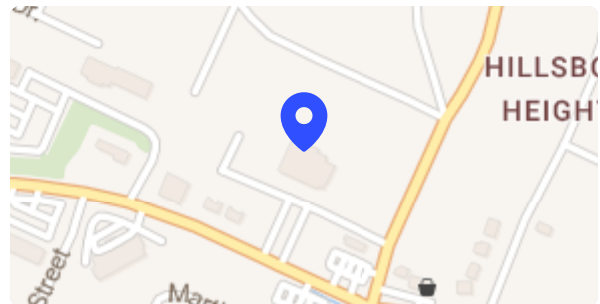


Funeral Service

 **Friday**, October 3, 2025

 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET


 **Taylor Funeral Home**
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076



Burial


 **Friday**, October 3, 2025

 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

 **Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery**
2116-2124 Shepherd Road, Chattanooga TN 37421



Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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TJ

Trevon Johnson posted:

him and my granny was best friends but now they are together rip Thomas my best friend I still remember the Titans games we used to bet on and sometimes I won but sometimes I lost I will always remember you my friend miss you.

March 2 at 11:10 AM

AD

Angela Deloach lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



October 8 at 9:55 AM

MM

Mary Mccauley lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



October 7 at 6:29 PM

SC

Stoneeka Chubb posted:

R.i.p T baby 🙏🏻 Fly HIGH!! From NURSE BETTY 🙏🏻 as you called me!! Gone but never forgotten ❤️

October 2 at 8:59 PM

JN

Jasmine Janay Norman posted:

You will be missed my friend Thomas gone and take your rest you will be missed sending prayers up for his family

October 2 at 3:31 PM

WW

Willa Williams lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



October 2 at 12:33 PM



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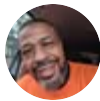
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Siobhan Johnson sent a virtual gift in honor of Thomas.

Thomas my best friend i will miss you 🥺❤️😭❤️😭❤️😭❤️😭❤️😭❤️😭❤️

October 2 at 11:40 AM



Nilkcol Sucram lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Rest Easy Sir

October 1 at 1:57 PM



Ingrid Tucker lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

October 1 at 9:55 AM



Kathy Sligh lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Thomas you will be missed by all that knew you. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord 🙏 John and Kathy Sligh 🙏🙏

September 30 at 5:56 PM



Kheisa M. Penn posted:

My deepest and sincere condolences to Thomas family and friends during this difficult time. May the Lord continue to strengthen and comfort each of you. Prayers 🙏

September 30 at 9:13 AM



Pastor Walter And Lynn Owens lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

September 30 at 6:13 AM





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Siobhan Notasha Johnson posted:

I will miss Thomas

September 30 at 4:01 AM



Mary Mccauley lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

September 29 at 11:41 PM



Beverly Sales lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

September 29 at 9:37 PM



Renee Jackson lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

September 29 at 8:20 PM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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