



Johnnie Ray Thomas

July 15, 1947 - October 2, 2024

Johnnie Ray Thomas, born in Franklinton, Louisiana, on July 15, 1947, peacefully passed away at his home on October 2, 2024. A proud resident of Washington Parish for most of his life, Johnnie was a devoted family man, patriot, and lover of life.

A man of great dedication, Johnnie served his country with honor as a Sergeant First Class in the United States Army and National Guard for 17 years. A Vietnam War veteran, he was stationed at Camp Beauregard and was deeply proud of his military service. Prior to his time in the military, Johnnie worked as a finance manager, a role he excelled in with his sharp mind and strong work ethic.

Outside of his professional and military accomplishments, Johnnie had a deep passion for gospel music, particularly the Gaither Vocal Band, and found immense joy in cheering for LSU sports and the New York Yankees. He also treasured the moments spent traveling to the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee, a place that held a special place in his heart.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elaine K. Thomas, and his three cherished children, Kimberlyn Ledbetter (Everett), Chris Thomas (Sharon), and Randy Thomas. Johnnie's legacy also lives on through his grandchildren, Matthew Ledbetter, Caleb Ledbetter, Hannah Stewart, Brock Thomas, Cameron

Thomas, Christian Thomas, Pearce Thomas, and Callen Thomas, as well as his great-grandchildren, Emily Ledbetter and Jordan Ledbetter. Johnnie was also deeply loved by his siblings, Doris Ray Rogers, Bobbie Jo and Willie Fay Rogers, John A. and Sue Thomas, and Reverend Burdette Thomas, who will forever carry his memory in their hearts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elsie Passman Thomas and Reverend Paul Jefferson Thomas, sister in law Linda Thomas, brother in law A C Rogers and mother and father in law Floyd and Carrie S. Kahl.

Family and friends are invited to honor Johnnie's life at Acy's Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Franklinton, Louisiana, on Friday, October 4, 2024. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with funeral services following at the church with Bro. Duane Ball, Bro. Burdette Thomas and Bro. Everett Ledbetter. Johnnie will be laid to rest in the church cemetery, surrounded by the love of his family, friends, and community.

Pallbearers: Cameron Thomas, Brock Thomas, Brad Thomas, Pearce Thomas, Justin Gonzales, Billy Passman
Honorary: Patrick Rogers

Johnnie Ray Thomas will be remembered for his unwavering love for his family, his service to his country, and his zest for life. His presence in the lives of those who knew him will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

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“ I just saw this. I'm so sorry for your loss. Will always treasure our vacation to Wyoming. He will be missed!
Faith Ingram Terrell



Faith Terrell - October 04, 2024 at 08:11 PM

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“ Elaine, I'm just seeing this & we are so sorry about Johnny Ray's passing. He was a lifetime friend & class mate. You & your family are in our thoughts & prayers. I won't be able to come because of my health problems but will be praying for you.

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