



## Dr. Kerry O. Thomas, Sr.

April 28, 1951 - July 14, 2016

DR. KERRY OWEN THOMAS, SR., AGE 65,

passed away peacefully on Thursday July 14, 2016 at Ochsner Hospital in New Orleans surrounded by family. He was a native of Thomas, LA, and a longtime resident of Amite, LA. He was a member of Thomas First Baptist Church. Kerry graduated from Thomas High School, where he was an All-State basketball player. He then received a basketball scholarship to attend Nicholls State University. After graduating, he obtained a Master's degree from Southeastern Louisiana University followed by a Doctorate Degree of Education from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS. He was a real estate broker for almost forty years. Kerry had an entrepreneurial spirit and held numerous business licenses. He was a loving father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He enjoyed shooting pool, planting watermelons, watching basketball games and fishing with his grandchildren.

Kerry is survived by his children, Dr. Nancy N. Thomas and husband Dr. John W. Boyle IV, Kerry Owen Thomas, Jr and wife , Jessica Thomas; his siblings, Dianna Thomas and Dr. Jerry and Lou Ann Thomas; his grandchildren, Benjamin Thomas Boyle, Brooklyn Boyle, and Elise Boyle; and his aunt Margie T. Passman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, R.O. and Nelline Thomas, his

brother Richie Thomas, and two infant siblings.

Visitation will begin at noon on Sunday, July 17, 2016 at Crain Funeral Home in Franklinton, LA. Funeral services will be held at 3 pm with Rev. Shadd Pittman and Rev. Harold Gaddy officiating. Entombment will follow at the Thomas Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to the Thomas Cemetery Fund; 51866 Lawrence Creek Road, Franklinton, LA 70438.

Pallbearers will be Norman Poole, cousin John R. Passman, nephews Dr. Jason Thomas, Pete Thomas, Lander Thomas, and son-in-law Dr. John Boyle. Honorary pallbearer will be grandson Benjamin Thomas Boyle.

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Brenda And Nolan Simon lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kerry O. Thomas, Sr.*



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**Brenda and Nolan Simon** - July 17, 2016 at 08:14 AM

BS

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all today. Members of this family helped us get through the loss of our Mom in May at St. Tammany Hospital. You are a strong and good faithful family. May God bless you as only he can through these upcoming days of grief.*

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**Brenda/Nolan Simon** - July 17, 2016 at 08:18 AM

HA

“ *Kerry,*

*I'm sorry about your loss.*

*Hannah Anderson*

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**Hannah Anderson** - July 17, 2016 at 07:27 AM

GS

“ Nancy, Kerry Jr and family...I send my prayers up for you in the passing of your Dad. I bought a watermelon from him last year and had an opportunity to thank him for attending visitation for my own brother who passed away in March of 2014. He was very kind and we visited a few minutes about school days. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Glenda Sharkey** - July 16, 2016 at 09:54 PM

GS

“ Glenda Sharkey lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kerry O. Thomas, Sr.



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**Glenda Sharkey** - July 16, 2016 at 09:45 PM

RR

“ Rose Rowell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Kerry O. Thomas, Sr.



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**Rose Rowell** - July 15, 2016 at 06:01 PM

LM

“ Jerry, Diana, children and grandchildren: I am so sad and so very sorry to hear of Kerry's passing. Kerry was always so sweet to me, as all the Thomases have always been. My special memory of Kerry is when we both attended Southern at the same time. That was a few short years ago. I would run into him often. Whenever we had time, we would sit and visit and occasionally have lunch. He would always ask about Larry and Eric. The last time I saw him was at Eric's grandmother's funeral. He was as sweet as always and as usual bragging about his children. He was so proud of you all, as well he should be. Since my son and granddaughter are Thomases, I feel that I will always be at least part Thomas. I hope you don't mind. My love to you all. God bless you!

Linda Thomas Metz

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Linda Metz - July 15, 2016 at 02:31 PM

RP

“ To All the Thomas Family, I am so sorry to hear of Kerry's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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Regina (Crain) Pierce - July 15, 2016 at 11:57 AM

DJ

“ Praying for comfort for the family. My mom " Mattie Laseter Jenkins " grew up with the Thomas family and talked about R. O. and Dr Jerry

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Darlene Jenkins - July 14, 2016 at 11:02 PM

SG

“ Kerry, so sorry to hear about your father. Thoughts and prayers are with you, Jessica and your family.

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Sally Graham - July 14, 2016 at 05:02 PM

NJ

*Kerry was my neighbor, he was a friend and he was even my school teacher. At Thomas school. REST IN PEACE. KERRY O. THOMAS SR. Praying for the family and friends!*

Neil (Butch) Ledet Jr. - July 14, 2016 at 05:27 PM

ES

*Nancy, I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers. May God be with you.*

Elaine W. Spiess - July 14, 2016 at 09:27 PM



*Kerry Jr Sorry to HEAR ABOUT YOUR DAD HE WAS OUR LAND LORD AND A VERY GOOD MAN HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MY DAD WE WILL MISS U KERRY R I P WE LOVE U LOVE MARK AND CAROL AND CHRISTOPHER CLAYTON PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY GONE BUT NEVE BE FORGOTTEN*

Carolyn Clayton - July 14, 2016 at 11:25 PM

JR

*Kerry and I competed in basketball in high school and I eventually became his family's pastor there at Thomas. Loved and respected him. My heart goes out to his children and family. I loved this family and will be praying for you all.*

Jim Richardson - July 15, 2016 at 09:26 AM