



Mr. Thomas Cunningham, Jr.

September 17, 1977 - February 7, 2020

Thomas Cunningham Jr., better known as "Fat Man" of Newport News, peacefully answered the master's call on Friday, February 7, 2020. He was born on September 17, 1977, to the late Geraldine Rosser- Cunningham and Thomas Cunningham Sr.

Born and raised in Newport News, as a child, he spent his time in worship at the United House of Prayer for all People under the leadership of Mother Whitaker, with his maternal grandmother, brother and cousin Tameka Hillian who was like a sister (with whom he resided). He was educated in the Newport News Public School System where he attended Warwick High School and had tons of friends.

He will be remembered as one of a kind loving, caring, nurturing, although soft-spoken, firm. To know him was to love him. He was the epitome of "I am my brother's keeper" (Rashad, whom he loved wholeheartedly. "Fat Man" traveled by bicycle around the city, often time with Shawn Hardy (Best Friend), never seeing one without the other.

He didn't allow his sickness or his treatments to hinder his relationship of supporting his children and his niece. Long conversations with Shanasty, football games with "Tink", sleepovers and school lunches with Aniyah and cheering with Shaiya, see they were his reasons to fight! Fat Man was looking forward to being a grandfather! Although he didn't witness the birth of his grandson (Kartier) we're sure they spoke in heaven.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Oscar and Adeline Rosser, paternal grandparents Matthew and Sumkio Cunningham, three uncles Oscar Rosser, James Cunningham, and Ronald Cunningham.

He is survived by his father Thomas Cunningham (Maryland), Two daughters Shanasty Geraldine Cunningham, Aniyah Lanae Cunningham, son Thomas Rashad "Tink" Cunningham, grandson Kartier Thomas Lutrell Boddie, brother Rashad Cunningham, niece Shaiya M. Cunningham all of Newport News. One aunt Jeannette Cunningham-Parson (Hampton, VA) and uncle Johnny Cunningham (Rocky Mount, NC).

Events

FEB **Cunningham Public Viewing** 01:00PM - 05:00PM

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M. E. Fisher Funeral Home

2117 Madison Avenue, Newport News, VA, US, 23607

FEB **Cunningham Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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Restoration & Faith Ministries

2114 Wickham Avenue, Newport News, VA, US, 23607

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - February 21 at 10:27 AM



“ I will never forget your smile, your laugh and your gentle heart. Forever my homie! Rest easy and fly high my friend!!!



Missy - February 21 at 02:54 PM



“ 38 files added to the album LifeTributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - February 21 at 10:29 AM



“ Annette Crawley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Cunningham, Jr.



Annette Crawley - February 21 at 09:12 AM



“ I'm not going to say Goodbye, my friend. I'll just say I'll see you again. One day It's hard to believe that you're gone. I miss the days of 19th Street. With me and my brothers. And your brother Shaw. Those were good times back then bro. I'm going to miss you. Until I see you again.

Sharrod Ford - February 12 at 08:06 PM



“ Rest in peace Brother Cunningham you have fought a good fight now it's time for you to rest in the arms of our Lord. Thelma Adkinson

Thelma Adkinson - February 18 at 09:03 PM



“ Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Cunningham, Jr.



Joy Williams - February 11 at 07:38 PM



“ Well friend I'm still not gonna say R.I.P. baby I am gonna say I will see you again you was my friend I can say that you will always be a friend to me love you fat man the Carter family love big peedee lol that what he called me lol



Big peedee that's what he called me lol - February 11 at 06:49 PM



“ Wow still can't believe it you were one of my big brothers fam I'm truly gone miss you all these years of great memories from DC to the Vill to to Madison those were some of the best days and those I will cherish for ever so until I see you again fam lam may you rest "you will always be Big Bottle Bro love Candice Hall and family

Candice Hall - February 13 at 08:37 AM



“ Kim Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Cunningham, Jr.



Kim powell - February 11 at 05:07 PM



“ Henry Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Cunningham, Jr.



Henry Mitchell - February 10 at 03:36 PM



“ Carlette Wilson Pugh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Cunningham, Jr.



Carlette Wilson Pugh - February 09 at 06:10 PM



“ Ethel And Thomas Holden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Cunningham, Jr.



Ethel and Thomas Holden - February 09 at 09:28 AM