



Mr. Leonard Thomas

March 10, 1935 - June 1, 2020

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Leonard Thomas was born on March 10, 1935, to Clarice & Lester Graham in Panama, Republic of Panama. His childhood days were spent with his grandparents in the now-defunct town of La Boca, Canal Zone. He later moved to Rio Abajo, Panama, where he resided with his mother. He attended the La Boca Jr. High School where he met Sislin Trotman who later became his wife on June 21, 1959. Three wonderful children emerged from that union; Gregory, Virgilio & Michelle.

He worked at the Tocumen International Airport as a Sales Clerk at one of the Duty-Free stores before relocating to the U.S. where he lived with his Aunt Verona (deceased) and cousin Vilma Small Hennigan.

Lenny was gifted with a voice for signing which he enjoyed doing. He was the lead singer with the Willie Morro's Orchestra that played for dances & other activities. He was dubbed with the, (Nat Cole of Panama) a name he felt proud to be called. This was before migrating to the U.S.

Lenny was employed at the U.S. Federal Bankruptcy Court New York as a

Procurement Administrator, retiring from there on August 31, 2006.

In 2015, Lenny relocated to Hampton VA, where he could be closer to his daughter Michelle. He enjoyed his stay in VA where he made lots of friends, even being dubbed as "Big Daddy".

Lenny was a proud grandpa and was blessed with six granddaughters and one grandson: Maruquel Thomas Donaire; Maylin and Jacqueline Thomas; Shantey & Deidra Phillips; Adrianna Davis and Tatiana Thomas; grandson, Ameth Phillips. Three great-granddaughters: Aaliyah Sol & Luna Rose Davis and Autumn Isabelle Donaire.

Those left behind to cherish his memories: his sons Gregory & Virgilio Thomas; his daughter Michelle Phillips; Sislin Thomas. Grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins (Vilma, Frankie, Pearline, Roberto, Theo, Lita); son-in-law Gladstone Phillips and friends he made along the way.

May his soul rest in peace.

Previous Events

Thomas Memorial Service

JUN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Leonard Thomas*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - June 09, 2020 at 02:10 PM

GR

“ *It's not a goodbye dad, but a see you later... Nice memory*
Grego



GREGO - June 11, 2020 at 03:55 PM

TJ

“ *Our deepest condolences Theodore (T) & Chevy Jemmott He will be in our Hearts forever.*

T & Chevy Jemmott - June 11, 2020 at 09:45 AM

DM

“ *Te vamos a extrañar mucho abuelito.
Cuando tu ausencia oprima nuestros
corazones, escápate del cielo y regalanos un
fuerte abrazo que calme la nostalgia de tu
partida...*

*Solo es un hasta luego mi viejo... Nunca moriras en mi corazón,
serás eterno por cada parte de tí, que me regalaste en vida...*

Descansa en paz

Tu nieta Maylin



Darling Maylin - June 11, 2020 at 02:40 AM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family
of Mr. Leonard Thomas.*



June 11, 2020 at 02:24 AM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of
Mr. Leonard Thomas.*



June 10, 2020 at 10:35 PM

LC

“ *Just a few thoughts about cousin Lenny.*

As the first born of Clarice Thomas, first nephew of her siblings, Irolela, William, Verona, & Virneese, and first grandchild of William & Clara Thomas, Lenny possessed a wealth of information about our family's history.

Cousin Lenny was always willing to share his memories of events that we were not able to partake and relatives that we were not fortunate enough to meet.

In a telephone conversation we had on his birthday 10 March 2020, Lenny stated that the Lord had blessed him in many ways and expressed how much he loved his daughter, sons, grand & great grands, and all his family members.

Thank you for sharing your life with us.

*Your Cousins,
Lita, Vilma, Pearlene, Theodore, Franky, & Roberto*

*"Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people."
Philemon 1:7, NIV*

Lenny's Cousins - June 09, 2020 at 09:08 PM

NT

We are so saddened to hear of Cousin Lenny's passing. Our late dad, William Thomas, often spoke fondly of his nephew. Although we lived in Texas and did not have the common experience of growing up in Panama, we loved the precious times we shared with Lenny. May God bless the Leonard Thomas family. Your loving memories will in time bring you comfort.

Love--Nydia D. Thomas and William N. Thomas, III

N.D. Thomas - June 10, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ Maruquel and Family purchased the Multicolor P
 astel Sympathy Basket for the family of Mr.
 Leonard Thomas.



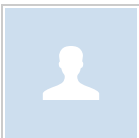
Maruquel and Family - June 09, 2020 at 08:33 PM



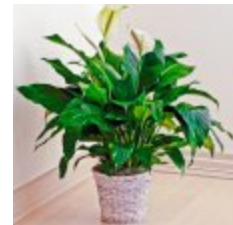
“ 33 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - June 09, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the
 family of Mr. Leonard Thomas.



 June 09, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Thomas.*



June 08, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *To the Phillip's Family, his daughter "Michelle" our deepest condolences, in Loving Memory of "Big Daddy" our Love will never go away, he walks beside us everyday. Unseen, Unheard but Always Near. he is still loved, still missed & very dear to our heart. Bless it be the one's that walks amongst us, from your dearest friend the Cooperwood's Family.*

Don & Katrina Cooperwood - June 03, 2020 at 02:15 PM