



## Mr. Nathaniel "Skip" Thomas

December 28, 1964 - June 7, 2012

Nathaniel "Skip" Thomas, Jr. was born December 28, 1964 to Nathaniel Thomas, Sr. and Shirley Wheeler Thomas. He went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 7, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Derek "BeBe" Terrell Thomas, Sr.

Skip was a 1984 graduate of Menchville High School. Prior to the decline of his health, he was employed for many years by the Newport News Public School System Transportation Department, with the skills of a master mechanic. He loved race cars, motorcycles, buses, cars, etc., anything that had an engine.

Having received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour, Skip was a member of Mount Moriah R.Z.U/A. Church, where he served as a walking Deacon. Skip lived life to the fullest and was the epitome of one who demonstrated courage, faith, strength and humor in the face of adversity.

Skip leaves to cherish his memories: a loving and devoted wife, Sharney Batts-Thomas; children, Nathaniel "Nate" Thomas, Gerica Thomas, Rachele & Rashaun Chambers, Gregory & Gerald Freeman, and Jasmine Jones; four grandchildren; brother, Brian Keith Thomas, Sr.; father & mother-in-law, Luther & Agnes Batts; a host of uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family and special friends.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2012 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm at M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc., 2117 Madison Avenue, Newport News, VA.

Homegoing Services will be held on Friday, June 15, 2012 at 11:00 am at Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Temple, 3100 Butternut Drive, Hampton, VA. The body will be placed in the church two hours prior to the service. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Daddy its been ten years and I cannot stop missing you. I need you more than ever! Thank you for always being so good to me. I love you always and forever.*

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**Gerica Thomas** - March 18, 2023 at 08:44 AM



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**M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 28, 2014 at 10:03 AM



*Skip your contagious smile that lit up the world is surely warming the spirits in heaven. I miss you. RIP*

*You're always in our thoughts. Lisa and Spanky.*

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**Roman Davis** - July 11, 2022 at 04:24 PM

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“ , from certain suercos many of the claims made sound like the usual denial that the source of any social pollution could be China itself. What I mean in terms of navel gazing and reform is that China today would be full-stop unrecognizable to its 30 years ago self. In any of the aspects you list, there have been many reforms. With respect to the party's role, that there is still one-party rule does not mean that there has been no change in the way that party operates internally. Having said this, if one wants to make the claim that there has been no substantive change since Mao's passing, then that is only sustainable in the face of the continued power of the party. In terms of failing to address its own history, I guess what you mean is that it has failed to address its past to the satisfaction of those who would like to see it gone. Fair enough, but as anyone living in China will attest, crossing the stream groping for stones means that things have been changing very rapidly, which is not to say they have changed for the better for everyone. So, to those who enjoy accusing me of being pro-China, not guilty. I'm more pro evidence than anything.

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Sorelle - July 19, 2012 at 12:37 PM

GW

“ Storm clouds may rise and strong winds may blow just hold to God's unchanging hands for he will see you through the storm. I share with you in the loss of Skip and hope that you will find consolation in knowing that God look around and saw the engines in the gospel train, the Old Ship of Zion and all other means of transportation in heaven was getting weak and in need of extensive repair by the best mechanic in the world. After searching every corner in the universe no one fitted the criteria but Skip. Though he may appear dead-Rejoice at knowing that he has a new job with the best benefits that no earthly job can offer--A Seat in The Kingdom and a promise by God To RISE AGAIN. Luke 11:25 Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live.

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**Gloria Wheeler** - June 14, 2012 at 10:48 PM

DL

“ Sharney and Family, So very sorry for your loss, we too lost a very special friend and part of our family. There was just not enough time to do things with SMILEY and that makes me sad, but the time we had makes us so happy that we did know him, and you too! Our prayers are with you all.

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**David & Debbie Lloyd** - June 14, 2012 at 07:17 PM

RS

“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of a man with an excellent spirit. Words cannot express our most heart felt condolences. To his lovely wife Sharney, may God continue to keep you and your entire family in your time of loss. God bless and keep you. Pastor and First Lady Paschall and family.

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**Rev. and Mrs. Tarrence K. Paschall Sr.** - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 PM

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“ MY THOUGHTS GO OUT TO YOUR FAMILY,IT HAS BEEN YEARS SINCE I SEEN SKIP AND WAS SAD TO HEAR OF HIS PASSING,ALLOW MEMORIES OF YOUR LOVED ONES TO WARM YOUR HEART AN GET YOU THREW THIS HARD TIME,

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**TONNIE JAMES& NIYA OWENS** - June 13, 2012 at 10:49 PM

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“ in honor and appreciation of a very, very, very favorite cousin: such a wonderful young man, a joy to talk with and be around, widely loved and deeply missed. God bless you "brother" and God bless and comfort all of the family. we'll see you again : ) -Jean

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**darla cobb (jean)** - June 13, 2012 at 09:55 PM

DM

“ praising and thanking God for having placed you in my life. i will miss that beautiful mischievous smile, those brown eyes,your hey babeey,your laughter,your great sense of humor, your signature ball caps and the way you could easily come up with funny nicknamesand stories that puts laughter in my heart and tears in my eyes. i will always remeber our last long conversation, we talked about our happy childhood, life,love,family,happiness, healing,death and dying. you called me a strong woman and i said that you were and even stronger man.God has spoken\*let the church say amen\* God is to wise to make mistakes. he truly has and angel in you skipper.rest in peace. sending my love to you in heaven, we shall meet again someday. peace be thine

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**donna wheeler martin** - June 13, 2012 at 01:52 PM

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“ DEAR SHAUNIE, I SEND TO YOU & THE ENTIRE THOMAS FAMILY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES. MR. THOMAS WAS ONE OF THE FINEST MEN I KNEW. HE WAS A GREAT INSPIRATION TO EVERYONE WHO EVER CAME IN CONTACT WITH HIM. HE TRULY IS ONE OF GOD'S ANGELS & WILL BE MISSED BY SO MANY PEOPLE. ALWAYS, DENISE

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**K DENISE BOONE** - June 13, 2012 at 11:07 AM

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“ I remember the family reunions, family gatherings in North Carolina and Virginia. Skip, You were just a jewel and will always keep you in my heart. To my family, I love you guys and we will get through this together with the help of the Lord.

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**Lily Wheeler Lowe** - June 12, 2012 at 02:30 PM

JW

“ Skip was always such a happy, lovable person. He was our parents' first grandchild and held a special place in our hearts. He touched so many people's lives in the brief time that he was here. Always having a kind word, words of encouragement and that fantastic sense of humor!

To know Skip is to love him. He always put others needs and wants in front of his own. The impact that he had on others was magnetic. He had friends from all walks of life and positively impacted all who he encountered.

Even when the doctors gave him up, he faced death with love, faith, courage and strength, knowing that he would soon be rejoicing in the presence of Jesus! Skip was a fighter and was strong and brave, even until the very end.

We will truly miss him, but we know that we will see him again, for he loved The Lord with all his heart and he loved his neighbor as himself.

Such a remarkable person and such a great nephew! We love you Skip! You fought the good fight of faith and finished your course. You have laid hold of eternal life. We won't say goodbye, but later, for we will see you again in that "Great Getting Up Morning"! Love you much!!!

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**Jackie Wheeler** - June 12, 2012 at 02:02 PM

CP

“ When I heard that "Skip" has passed, I had my moments. I looked up to the "heavens" as tears rolled down my face, and could say nothing, but just called out his name, "Skip". As I began to get myself together I started to smile, thinking about the last trip "Skip", and a few other friends from Transportation took a trip to the Bahamas. We had a ball. To really know "Skip" was to love him, because he was such a delightful, and loveable person. This cruel world has lost one of the best mechanics, but most of all, a good and dear friend. Yes! I am sad about his passing, but joyful also, because I truly believe that "Skip" is at peace with The Father! Although our hearts are broken we must remember that God makes no mistakes, He went into His garden and picked a beautiful flower, (Skip) and yes we loved "Skip", but we must "Miss Him, but Let Him Go". I LOVE YOU "SKIP", BUT ALL MIGHTY GOD, LOVED YOU BEST. You fought your battle well, like a true warrior, and I am sure the Lord will say "My faithful servant, a job well done". So, this is not "Good-Bye", to my dear friend because someday soon, I am sure I will see him again.  
Sleep on my dear friend and Take Your Rest!  
Carriylene

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**Carriylene Pugh** - June 12, 2012 at 10:06 AM

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“ My Heart is so sadden with the loss of a Humorest friend. My grandma & mother only trusted Skip when he would take me bike riding. She always said "Dont you let anything happen to her or you know who you gonna have to answer to besides God" (Lol). Even though I didnt see him much just to keep that memory is one I will cherish. (PRICELESS) I will truly miss him.

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**Tonya Cooper (Mitchell)** - June 12, 2012 at 12:21 AM