



Jim "JT" Thomas Jr.

December 8, 1927 - June 3, 2020

Jim Thomas, Jr. was born December 8, 1927 to Alfred Thomas and Ada Chapman Thomas in Summerland, Mississippi where he also attended public schools and played on the high school basketball team. Brother Thomas accepted Christ at an early age and was active in Sunday school, the choir and served as an usher. He was known to his family as "JT."

Jim Thomas entered into the United States Army in 1946 and served his country with much love and honor for more than 27 years. He was a Korean War and Vietnam War Veteran. He was known to his friends as "Sarge".

Jim met Chestina Martin in the 1950's in Killeen, Texas and she was the love of his life. They were married and they raised two sons and a nephew where they moved after his retirement from the military. He united with The First Baptist Church and became president of the Usher Board. In 2000, he united with the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church and served as president of the Usher Board, sang with the Male Chorus, served as Sunday School Superintendent, a member of the Lay Organization, the Trustee Board and the Steward Board. Brother Thomas decided in his senior years to go back to school. He got his Associate Degree from Austin Community College. Brother Thomas loved playing bingo, socializing with his friends at the Taylor Senior Center and traveling during his senior years. He traveled to Washington, D.C. with other War Veterans on The Freedom Flight. He said it was a trip of a life time! He made as many community programs and church afternoon programs as he could. Approximately in the year 2016, he was invited to pray at the

Williamson County's MLK annual program.

Brother Thomas and his friend Brother Livie Gault were very dedicated to picking up trash in the mornings walking down 4th Street and parts of East Taylor. At least 3 Saturdays a month Brother Thomas and Brother Don Hill had breakfast together.

On the evening of June 3, 2020, Brother Jim Thomas was called home to be with the Lord. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, his sisters, Bobbie Thomas Jackson, Eula Ruth Thomas Mitchell and his brothers: Mack Charles Thomas, Denson Willie Thomas, Sr. and Alfred Thomas, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memories his sons, Elroy Thomas, Sr. of Taylor, Texas and Leroy Smith of Midland, Texas; six grandchildren Tanya Thomas, Kimberly Thomas, Elroy Thomas, Jr., Danielle Smith, Leroy Smith, Jr. and Tazer Smith-Hall; many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews; a sister Mary Jo Thomas Reid of Biloxi, Mississippi and other family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Old Palestine Baptist Church Cemetery

200 Old Palestine Church
Taylorsville, MS 39168

Previous Events

PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES

JUN 11. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

A Life Celebration by Franklin
510 S. Main St.
Taylor, TX 76574
(512) 365-6000

Celebration Service

JUN 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jim "JT" Thomas Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the family.*



Ethel Cook - June 12, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *Sammie Eppright lit a candle in memory of
Jim "JT" Thomas Jr.*



Sammie Eppright - June 10, 2020 at 08:58 PM