



## Herman Thomas

October 6, 1931 - October 25, 2019

Herman Thomas affectionately known as "Cooley" to family and friends was born on October 6, 1931 in Franklin County, NC to the late Earley Thomas and Mittie Alston Thomas. He departed this life on Friday, October 25, 2019 after a brief illness.

Herman was a gifted man of many skills and an abundance of knowledge. He could offer encouragement to the most downtrodden individuals and could discuss politics and life events with the best of them. Herman had a kind heart and a loving spirit and was loved by many.

Herman was employed at Best Battery for a number of years as a mechanic. He was self-taught and could repair any vehicle from a Volkswagen to a Bentley. Herman always felt that African Americans should support their own communities and opened Thomas Grocery in 1978. Thomas Grocery was a staple in the Edmondson/Rosemont Community providing fresh fish, produce and famous "penny" candy. Mr. Thomas would allow customers who were unable to pay, carry a tab until they were able to pay. To this day people still remember Mr. Thomas and Thomas Grocery.

Herman was joined in marriage to the late Sadie Perry Thomas on February 21, 1951. God blessed this union with eight children. He was preceded in death by one son, Robert McDonald Perry (Marcella); one sister, Bernice

Durham, 3 brothers, James, Robert and Leroy Thomas.

Those left to cherish his memory are five son, Ronnie Thomas, Herman Lee Thomas (Terri), Ricky Edward Thomas, Michael Ray Thomas, and Barry Lind Thomas; three daughters, Blondie Marie Bryant, Janice Thomas (Kenneth), and Dorisell Thomas; one brother Earlie "Pimp Juice" Thomas Jr.; one sister in law, Gladys Perry; one brother in law, William Avery Perry; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren. A very special thank you to his team of caregivers, Debra Jones and family.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 1. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD

## Wake

NOV 2. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Thomas Family:

*I thank you for allowing March to serve your family. The family is wonderful and pleasant and very considerate of one another. Your love for one another shines! I am certain that Mrs. Sadie and Mr. Cooley are smiling down on the legacy that they created. Again I say THANK YOU, it was an absolute pleasure to walk with you during such a difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ikkeia Harrell-Torry  
410-655-0110*

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**Ikkeia Harrell** - November 08, 2019 at 02:09 PM

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“ *I remember Mr. Thomas, His Wife and children. Growing up we would stop pass there get candy before school. Coming home we would stop and get candy to go home with. He was so nice. We missed him when the store closed. May you Rest In Heaven!!*

*The Stewart Family(Lauretta Ave)*

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**Tynesha Hudson** - November 05, 2019 at 04:03 PM

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“ *To: Blondie Bryant.*

*Your father memory may bring tears in your eyes,*

*But Today, We hope you'll honor these memories with a smile Someday.*

*It is surely a tough time for you, so we are standing just right behind you to*

*hold your hand. Stay Strong! May his Soul Rest In Peace!*

*We Love You,*

*Cedric, Claudia, Keiyania and Lil Ced*

*Your Detroit Family,*



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**Claudia A Mann** - October 31, 2019 at 11:24 PM