



## Edwin Christopher Thomas Jr.

July 26, 1941 - March 30, 2014

ON MARCH 30, 2014 EDWIN CHRISTOPHER THOMAS JR. (TOM) PEACEFULLY DEPARTED THIS LIFE AT HIS HOME IN SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUTTES AND ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST.

EDWIN WAS BORN ON JULY 26, 1941 IN WASHINGTON. D.C .TO ROSETTA CALDWELL THOMAS AND EDWIN C. THOMAS SR. HOWEVER EDWIN WAS REARED BY ROSETTA AND WILLARD L. HENRY SR. EDWIN WAS AFFECTIONALLY KNOWN BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS (PUGGIE, KINGFISH, BIG PROOF AND TOM) TOM WAS BAPTISED IN WASHINGTON D.C UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF REV. COLE L. ALLEN. HE ATTENDED D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS. TOM JOINED THE US ARMY CORP, SERVING A TOUR IN ALASKA AND LATER RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE. HE WORKED AT GEORGETOWN INN. AND D.C. GENERAL HOSPITAL IN WASHINGTON D.C.

TOM MOVED TO SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUTTES IN 1968 AND WAS EMPLOYED BY THE UNIROYAL COMPANY FOR 18 YEARS UNTIL THE COMPANY CLOSED DOWN.

EDWIN AND THOMASINE HOLLIS WERE JOINED IN HOLY MATRIMONY IN ALEXANDERIA, VIRGINA ON JUNE 1, 1993.

TOM WORKED FOR 18 YEARS WITH THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. HE BECAME ILL WHILE WORKING FOR REECECA JOHNSON MIDDLE SCHOOL IN JUNE 2009 AND HAD TO RETIRE ON NOVEMBER 17, 2009. HE WAS A DEDICATED AND CONSCIENCIOUS WORKER, WHO NEVER LIKED TO TAKE A DAY OFF FROM WORK.

EDWIN WAS ADMITTED TO THE HERITAGE HALL WEST REHAB NURSING HOME IN AGAWAM, MASSACHUTTES IN 2009 IN HOPES OF A SHORT –TERM STAY, INSTEAD HE WAS THERE FOR 4½ YEARS. HE FINALLY RETURNED HOME ON FEBRUARY 4, 2014. TOM ENJOYED THE SHORT TIME AT HOME BEFORE HIS FINAL HOUR. THANK GOD FOR HIS TIME AT HOME. WE WILL MISS HIM VERY MUCH.

EDWIN WAS AN AVID READER OF MANY SUBJECTS. HE LOVED MUSIC, ESPECIALLY THE BLUES AND JAZZ. YOU COULD ALWAYS SEE HIM WITH HIS SIGNATURE TOOTH PICK BETWEEN HIS LIPS. HE ENJOYED FIXING AND RESTORING CARS, SMALL ELECTRONICS, GOING TO TAG SALES, AND COLLECTING VARIOUS ITEMS. HE HAD A SPECIAL LOVE FOR CHILDREN AND DOGS. TOM WAS A MEMBER OF THE ELKS LODGE # 5 IN SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUTTES.

SURVIORS INCLUDE: A LOVING, ATTENTIVE, WIFE THOMASINE HOLLIS THOMAS, LOVING MOTHER ROSETTA HENRY, SISTERS REV. BETTY BOSTON, VAL HENRY-HALL (HARRY) RUBY BRAWNER, BARBARA MAYCOCK (RONALD) BROTHERS RONALD E. THOMAS SR. (GERALDINE) WILLARD L. HENRY JR. (ANNIE) SPECIAL AUNT BESSIE CALDWELL OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS, CHILDHOOD COUSINS, DOROTHY JEAN FORD (WILLIAM) OF WASHINGOTN D.C AND THOMAS EPPS JR. OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND AND A HOST OF OTHER COUSINS, NEICES, NEPHEWS, AND FRIENDS.



# Cemetery Details

## Bethel Cemetery

Wilkes Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 5. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church  
606 A South Washington St.  
Alexandria, VA 22314

## funeral service

APR 5. 10:40 AM (ET)

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