

PAPA T
By DaQwan Richardson

- T** Thomas, Papa, Tuck, and Mr. Franks
- H** Heavy hearts are here and it's your character that is to thank. Not the many things you've done for us or the money you had in the bank.
- A** Always being there when we need it most. So we truly shouldn't cry we should propose a toast.
- N** Not because we are happy you're gone, but because you're at peace and we will see you not before long.
- K** King of kings in the mighty heavens above we bow our heads in prayer for someone we love.
- Y** You hold a position that heals the hearts of plenty. So we're here to invite you into this place of many.
- O** Our Bibles say that if we believe in a man who is now unseen, that we will have eternal life that's John 3 verse 16.
- U** Under the weight of pain we bow our heads and pray. God thank you for allowing us to be here another day.
- T** Thank you for bringing Thomas into our lives. We know when we're alone this to you we confide.
- H** He may have left us physically but we will see him spiritually. For your word is true backed by the book of Titus we shall live eternally.
- O** Our minds shall be filled with joyous memories. But it's okay to grieve right now with our friends and families.
- M** May we honor Thomas for the people he's moved. And may we lay to rest any grievances and attitudes.
- A** As we come to a close on this day we should celebrate. We know a man has left his mark and a legacy at the start of his birthdate.
- S** So with a heavy heart and maybe with tears in our eyes.

We say Amen, See you soon Thomas, and Goodbye.

Homegoing Service
for



THOMAS WILLIS FRANKS

Monday, May 4, 2026

Visitation: 11:00 a.m | Funeral Service: 12:00 noon

GRIER FUNERAL SERVICE - MEMORIAL CHAPEL
115 John McCarroll Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28216

Pastor Daryl Mayfield, Presiding



115 John McCarroll Ave.
Charlotte, NC 28216

Phone: 704-332-7109 Fax: 704-332-5273

"Serving The Family With Dignity and Personal Understanding"

Joseph H. Jones, Jr., *Funeral Director In Charge*

RoZinc Designs & Printing

Phone: 704-737-7940 * Email: roz@rozincdesigns.com

~ ORDER OF SERVICE ~

- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Prelude
- Invocation
- Hymn..... “It Is Well with My Soul”
- Scriptures
 - Old Testament - Deacon Robert Willis
 - New Testament - Deacon William Stinson
- Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Daryl Mayfield
- Selection.....“Near The Cross”
- Obituary.....Poem by DaQwan Richardson
- Remarks (Please no longer than 2 minutes)
- Acknowledgments
- Selection.....“I’m Free”
- Eulogy.....Pastor Daryl Mayfield
- Recessional..... “When We All Get to Heaven”
- Benediction.....Pastor Daryl Mayfield
- Interment.....Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens
11201 Beatties Ford Rd.
Huntersville, NC 28078

CASKET BEARERS

Family & Friends

FLORAL BEARERS

Family & Friends

~ OBITUARY ~

Mr. Thomas Willis Franks, son of the late Charlie Lee Franks and Janie Mae Franks, was born in Charlotte, North Carolina January 18, 1949. He went home to be with the Lord on April 27, 2026.

Thomas, also known as Frank, Tuck, and Papa T. Franks attended West Charlotte High School. He worked at A&P Warehouse and Cunningham where he was a supervisor. He attended St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Frank was a very giving man who would give his last to anyone in need and some of his nieces and nephews would say that he was the favorite uncle.

Thomas was preceded in death by his two brothers: Charlie Lee Franks, Jr. and Michael Franks; three sisters, Helen Pharr, Wilma Caraway, and Patricia Jones.

He is survived by his wife Pearl Byars; his former spouse Ancala Byars; and their daughters, Chalita Franks and Ancala Lacy Richardson (Paul); stepchildren, Danielle Bowe (Travolta) and Germond Byars; grandchildren, DaQwan Richardson (Nakia), Ariel Franks, Yashira Richardson, Hasan Franks, Isaiah Richardson, Nakhia Franks, Kesean Franks, and Jasias Richardson; step grandchildren, Vadoll Byars, Christian Corier, and Makayla Bowe; multiple great grandchildren; siblings, Dorthy Berry (Tom) and Cynthia Dulin and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, other relatives, and friends.

~ ACKNOWLEDGMENT ~

With sincere appreciation, we wish to thank our many friends for their expressions of kindness during our bereavement for our loved one. May God bless each of you.