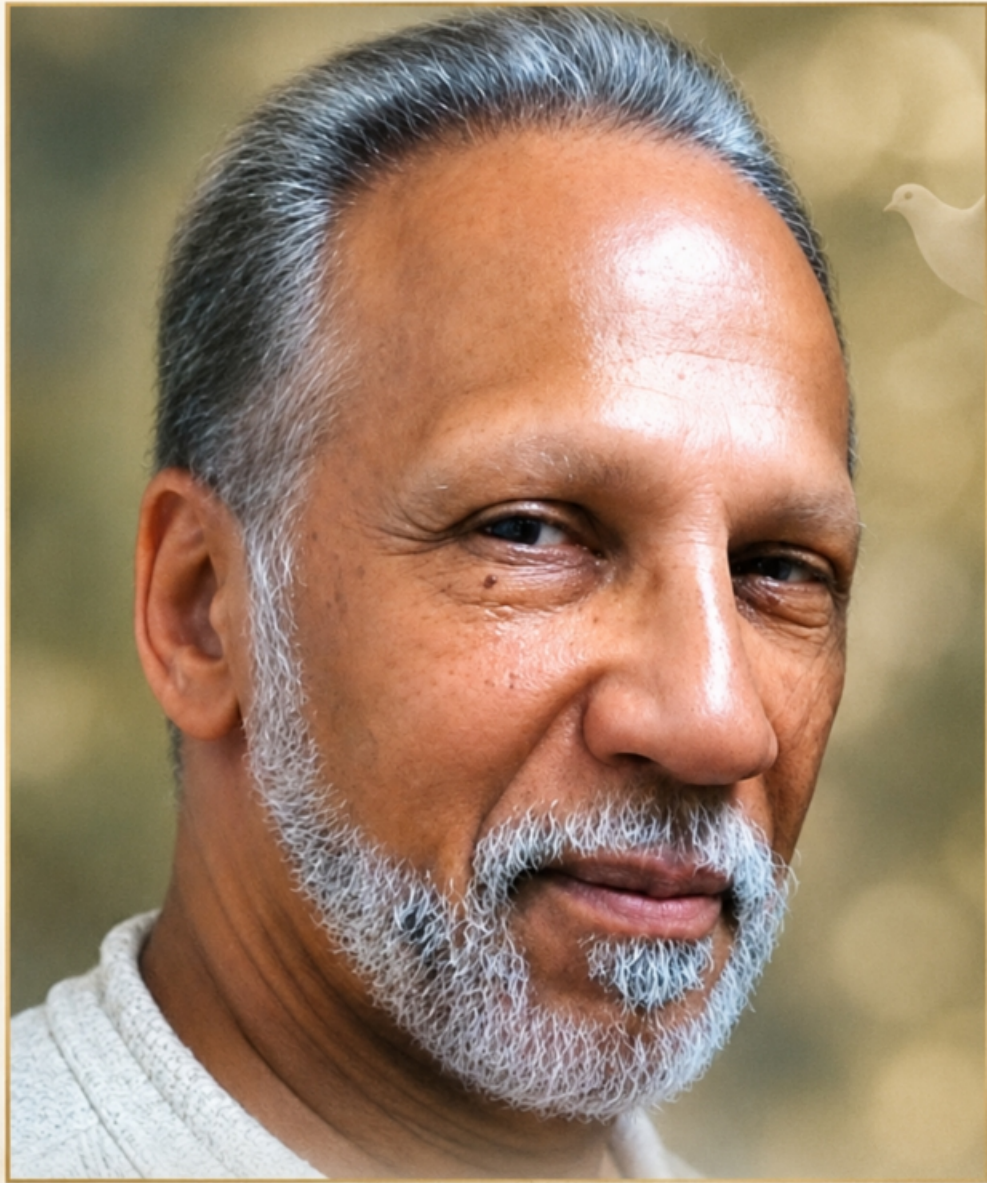


— CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF —



*Thomas Murdoch
Mac Caskie III*

JANUARY 16, 1952 — AUGUST 25, 2026

SERVICES

PRIVATE BURIAL

Thursday
September 17, 2026
at 11:00 AM

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday
October 17, 2026
at 2:30 PM

“Tippy” • “Tip” • “Papa”

Eulogy

In Loving Memory of

Thomas Murdoch Mac Caskie III

January 16, 1952 - August 25, 2026

Thomas Murdoch Mac Caskie III, affectionately known as “Tippy” or “Tip,” and “Papa” passed away peacefully on August 25, 2026, in Los Angeles, California, at the age of 74. Born on January 16, 1952, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Thomas was the eldest son of Doris Louise Humphrey and Thomas Murdoch Mac Caskie II.

Thomas grew up in Los Angeles, California, and graduated from Crenshaw High School in 1970. Not long after graduating, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he proudly served his country as a Corporal from 1972 to 1975 during the Vietnam era. He was a member of the renowned “Old Ironsides” unit and served as an armored personnel carrier operator stationed in Bamberg, Germany.

From a very young age, Thomas earned the nickname “Tippy” because he often walked on his tiptoes. What began as a childhood nickname became a name that followed him throughout his life. “Tippy” became so much a part of who he was that some extended family members knew him only by that name for decades, never realizing that his given name was Thomas.

Thomas was a man of many talents and passions. He was a true lover of music, with an appreciation that spanned many genres—from classical and jazz to R&B, Zydeco and reggae. A self-taught musician, he played the flute, piano and Bongo drums, finding joy and creative expression through music. He was also a gifted writer and even authored a commercial jingle for the popular Gallo brand wines, a testament to his creativity and distinctive personality. Tip was also a dedicated writer and authored a handful of original, never published screenplays that he was extremely proud of.

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But perhaps what Thomas will be remembered for most was his sense of humor. He was the family comedian, known for his clever observations, hilarious euphemisms, unforgettable one-liners, and a sense of humor that could sometimes be downright inappropriate—but was almost always perfectly timed and spot-on. He loved to laugh, and even more, he loved making other people laugh. Our beloved mother, Doris, whom he adored, was one of his favorite audiences, and the two shared countless moments of laughter.

To his siblings, he was simply “Tip.” He was a proud Louisiana Creole and Catholic who loved his deep, cultural roots and lineage. Tippy also loved telling family stories—often telling the same stories over and over and over again. And no matter how many times the family had heard them, Tip could still find a way to make them entertaining. Perhaps the best part was that he frequently began laughing at his own stories before he could even finish telling them. His laughter was contagious, and those stories—and the laughter that accompanied them—will remain treasured family memories.

Thomas was also the person his family could count on when something needed fixing. A natural handyman, he taught himself construction, plumbing, and electrical skills with mentoring from older family members and became the family’s go-to person for everything from household repairs to larger construction projects. He was resourceful, capable, and always willing to lend a hand.

We couldn’t remember Tip without acknowledging his debonair personality and penchant for unique fashion... he was always impeccably dressed from head to toe, with every detail covered from his tie clips to cuff links. Tip was always “clean.” His most notable wardrobe feature was his countless pairs of Stacy Adams wingtip shoes, as well as several alligator skinned pairs in his collection.

Thomas leaves behind a loving family and a lifetime of memories that will be cherished forever. He is survived by his loving and devoted daughter, Jayda Holmes, and her husband, Spencer; his son, Tarjei Hass; granddaughters, Alissa, Jaylin, and Samara Varnedoe, and Hayleigh Hass; and his great-granddaughter, Aalaya Elan Wallace, all whom he loved deeply and was immensely proud of.

He is also survived by his sisters, Cyndy Maria Mac Caskie and her life partner, William Osborne, and Carrie Josefa Ann Scott and her husband, Jason; his brothers, Sidney Vincent Metoyer III and Temujin Louis Jones; nephews Victor DeCoud and his children, Breeanna, Taylor, and Lorric, nephew, Mack Jones; and nieces, Koehler and Kaden Compayre, Jillian Jones-Edenborough, and Lisette Hughes; his closest friend, Louis Hohl, as well cousin and best friend, Aromus Aubry; along with countless other beloved cousins, extended family members, and cherished friends.

Thomas leaves behind more than a family tree—he leaves behind stories, music, laughter, creativity, and memories that will continue to bring smiles for generations to come.

Though he is no longer with us, the sound of Tip's laughter, the stories he loved to tell, his unmistakable humor, and the many ways he showed up for the people he loved will live on in all who knew him.

Tip will be laid to rest on September 17, 2026 at Riverside National Cemetery, in Moreno Valley, CA, with a celebration of life gathering slated for a date in October, 2026.

Rest peacefully, Tip. You will be deeply missed, forever remembered, and always loved.

Acknowledgements

The family of Thomas Murdoch Mac Caskie III gratefully acknowledges every expression of love, prayer, kindness, support, and sympathy shown during this time. Your presence and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Celebrating the Life of Thomas Murdoch Mac Caskie III

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*May his memory continue to live
in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.*

Private Burial:
Riverside National Cemetery
22595 Van Buren Boulevard
Riverside, CA 92518

Celebration of life:
The Scott Residence
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Porter Ranch, CA 91326

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