

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



**MARKUS JAMES THOMAS
“BUCK”**

JANUARY 22, 1958 – JANUARY 13, 2025

OBITUARY

Markus James Thomas, 66, of West Chester, PA, passed away on Monday, January 13, 2025, at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Born in West Chester, he was the son of the late Jean M. (Blakney) and Alan W. Thomas, Sr. Markus was affectionately known as "Buck" by his family and friends.

He lived in West Chester, PA, his entire life and was educated in the West Chester Area School District. During his childhood, he shared Bible Studies with the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness and attended Sunday school at Rice's Temple Church in West Chester, PA.





He was previously employed at the Friends Assn. in West Chester, Rolling Green Memorial Park Cemetery, and various jobs in the community, such as Landscaping and Residential Mover.

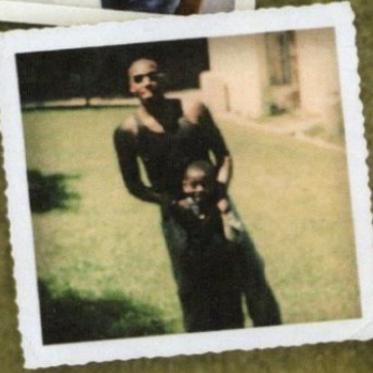
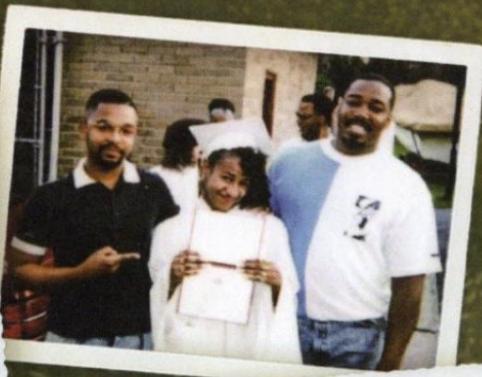
Markus loved his family and always made himself available whenever needed. His pride and joy was his daughter, Trissy, whom he would brag about to no end.

He was gifted with an amazing spirit, always upbeat, loved to have fun, and was "The Life of the Party." Markus never complained about his illness.

He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed wild game hunting and fishing with his dad; he mastered the sport. Deer hunting was his passion, and he would always try to convince you to eat what he caught. He enjoyed listening to music, watching boxing matches, Eagles football, and the Olympics.

Markus leaves precious memories to: his daughter, Tristan Thomas-Mazyck; his devoted niece, Sonya Thomas of West Chester; sisters, Evelyn Johnson (Kevin) of West Chester and Alsenia Smith of West Chester; brother, Richard Mack (Regina) of Altoona; Joseph Hill, and Donna Hill of Chester, PA; 6 stepbrothers and 2 sisters of Coatesville, PA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

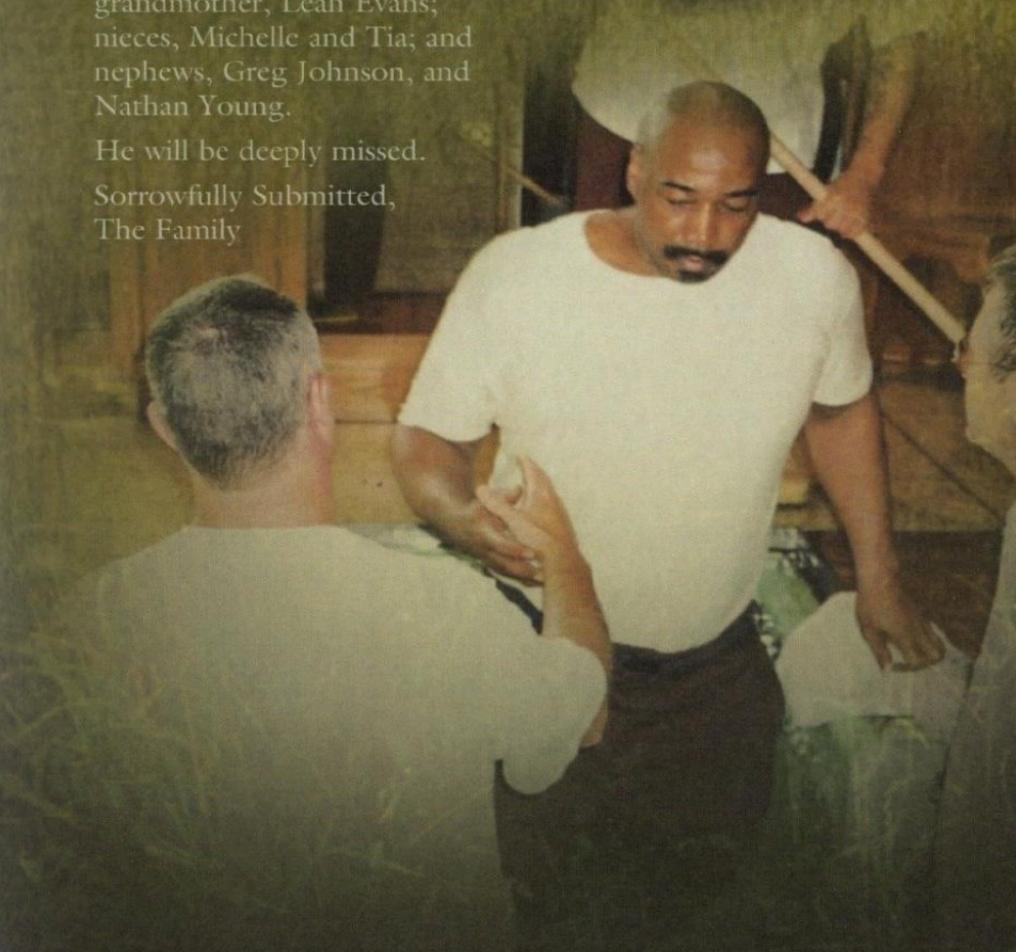




In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Nathan A. Thomas, Alan W. Thomas Jr., and Theresa A. Thomas; stepmother, Nancy Thomas; maternal grandmother, Gladys Blakney; paternal grandmother, Leah Evans; nieces, Michelle and Tia; and nephews, Greg Johnson, and Nathan Young.

He will be deeply missed.

Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family





MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, February 7, 2025 • 11:00 AM

Saint Paul's Baptist Church

One Hagerty Boulevard | West Chester, Pennsylvania

Rev. Dr. Wayne E. Croft, Sr., Pastor

Rev. Dr. Richelle Gunter, Officiant

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	Clergy & Family
Call to Celebration	Rev. Dr. Richelle Gunter
Opening Song	<i>"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"</i>
Prayer of Comfort	
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	<i>Psalm 23</i>
New Testament	<i>John 14:1-4</i>
Music Selection	<i>"I Shall Wear A Crown"</i>
Reading of Cards, Acknowledgements &	
Resolutions	<i>Donna Durnell</i>
Family Reflections (2 Minutes)	<i>LeRoy Butcher</i> <i>Markus A. Thomas</i> <i>Tyree Wallace</i>
Obituary	<i>Read Silently with Video Presentation</i>
Musical Selection	<i>"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"</i> [®]
Eulogy	<i>Evang. Tisha Mae Jackson</i>
Remarks	<i>Ventnor Wright</i>
Recessional	Clergy & Family

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life has been full, I've savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

A Note of Thanks

*Thank you with sincere gratitude for your care and concern shown during our time of bereavement. Thank you all for your support and love. May God bless you.
Sincerely, The Family*



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