

Thomas Earl Perry

1944 — 2025

Thomas Earl Perry was born to the late John Anthony Sr, and Katherine Clark Perry on May 2, 1944 in Washington, DC. He was affectionately known as "Tom" or "Thomas Earl" to his family and friends.

He was raised in Boston and lived in the South End of the city. He graduated from Boston Trade High School where he excelled in sports, achieving track and football championship status.

Thom had a long career with Action for Boston Community Development ABCD. He retired after 22 years of employment. He then worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Superior Court as Assistant Chief of Suffolk Superior Court. Retiring with a very outstanding career.

"Education remains the key to both economic and political empowerment#—Barbara Jordan "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"—Nelson Mandela. These are two important quotes that Thomas truly believe in. He often shared these profound words, especially with young people. Hoping to instill and impart an inspiring, confident bright beacon of understanding and aspiration. As to the numerous opportunities with their reach. If they were determined to strive courageously and exceedingly.

For over 25 years, Tom travelled/supported, sponsored and financially contributed to students from Massachusetts and throughout the country who attended one of our prestigious (HBCU's). He worked tirelessly with deep pride and great commitment toward this effort.

Thomas E. Perry had the good fortune to have had two significant careers. Both areas of work entailed direct people/public interactions. Demanding indeed, it was a lot, but he could handle it. He was good at his job! These acquired skills transferred to enable him to do even more contributions for the community. He established database was valuable, extensive, resourceful and available to him for the asking. This allowed him to direct financial donations to summer camps, sports, Edgar P. Benjamin Nursing Home, political faith base, drug rehabs., etc. He had a gift and he used it wisely!

Tom was a good cook, he enjoyed sharing his culinary skills, no matter the occasion. He also enjoyed the experience of attending live theater—written by African Americans along with various genre's of music delighted. Him.

Thomas Earl leaves to mourn his son—Damien Hughes; his sister, Catherine Perry of Raynham, MA; his brother Lonnie Perry of Brookline, MA; a host of other relatives including Sandra Wilder of Portsmouth, VA, Jeanine Perry of Milford, MA, cousin, Joyce Perry of Atlanta, GA, Cousin John A. Whitley of New York, NY; his nephew Anthony Perry, Reginald Perry, Craig Perry of Nashua, NH; and niece Angela Perry Campbell; and many more fiends and colleagues and a special friend April Holley.

UNTO YOUR HAND, LORD, WE COMMIT HIS SPIRIT, BLESSED BE HIS SALVATION. - The Family