



Mr. Thomas Vines

November 11, 1944 - June 27, 2024

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Thomas Vines Scholarships Fund. Make checks payable to Fayza Temple #254 for Thomas Vines Scholarship and mail checks to PO Box 1831, Greenville, NC 27835.

Born in New York City on November 11, 1944, Thomas Fulton Vines was named after his grandfather. Following the accidental death of his mother, he was reared by Mrs. Mildred Joyner of Farmville, North Carolina.

He received his formative education at H. B. Sugg School in Farmville, N.C. and graduated in 1963.

Thomas Fulton Vines served in the U. S. Army. He completed tours in Germany and Korea. He completed NCO training at Fort McClellan Alabama and briefly served as a Drill Sgt. at Fort Lewis, Washington State. Following his discharge in 1972, he lived and worked in South Carolina, District of Columbia and Connecticut. Returning to North Carolina in March of 1978, he received a machinist certification at Beaufort County Community College and worked at TRW. In 1978, he joined Philippi Church of Christ in Greenville, NC. He later worked at A. G. Cox Middle School and retired from Pitt County School System in 2004.

Thomas received his 33^o in Washington, D. C. with the Class of 2000. At the time of his death, he was the Imperial Deputy Emeritus in the Motorized Department, AEAONMS; founder of the North Carolina Desert Motor Patrol, the first in the domain. He served as Coordinator of the Color Guards and North Carolina Desert Chief Rabban: 2003-2004 and 2005-2022. He was Potentate of Rofelt Pasha Shrine Temple #175, for three years, 2000 – 2002; Holy Royal Arch Mason, PHA M.D. Towe Chapter #74; Honorary Past Master, and a Master Mason, Banner Cry Lodge #625. He was named Director of the Imperial Motorized Department and received the Honorary Past Imperial Potentate's Degree, HPIP, in 2021. He served the Imperial Motorized Department as Director for two years. In 2023, at the Tampa Convention, he was given the title of Emeritus.

Most known for his infectious smile, “hug,” and by the BOOK attitude, he embraced the acronym: C. U. P. S. - COMMUNICATION - a conduit to clarify the purpose; UNIFICATION - to work toward the stated outcome; PARTICIPATION - a method, to collectively implement an effective plan to provide SERVICE TO ALL MANKIND, our distinction.

Thomas is survived by his school sweetheart, Gracie La Nell Mebane Vines of forty-six years; one son, Justin Mebane Vines and his wife, Alisha, (US Army) Killeen, TX; one grandson, Thomas Francis Vines of Killeen, TX; a special cousin, Frances Vines of Greenville, NC; God-daughter, Ms. Janet Swindell of Wilmington, NC, God-granddaughter, Ms. Tierney Evans of Charlotte, NC; friends and extended family, Mr. Bucky and Linda Hall of Baltimore, MD, and Mrs. Gwen Lee-Tyson of Greenville, NC, Mr. Andre Atkinson of Winterville, NC, and Mr. Devin Gatlin of Greenville, NC.

Previous Events

Viewing/Visitation

JUL 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1001 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC 27834

Celebration of Life Service

JUL 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

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1001 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC 27834

Burial Service

JUL 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Eastern Carolina State Veterans Cemetery
164 Longs Plant Farm Road
Goldsboro, NC 27534

Tribute Wall

DO

“ *Douglas & Elouise Johnson Olds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



Douglas & Elouise Johnson Olds - July 07, 2024 at 04:23 PM

GL

“ *To Gracie and the Vines Family:
Sending you love and prayers during this time
of loss.
Farewell to a kind and generous man.
Gwendolyn Lee-Tyson*



Gwen Lee-Tyson - July 07, 2024 at 02:21 PM

JB

“ *Jennifer J Bingham lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Thomas Vines*



Jennifer J Bingham - July 07, 2024 at 05:55 AM

EB

“ *May great memories of your loved one sustain you now and in the
days ahead*

E Ramona Brown - July 06, 2024 at 10:22 PM

LD

“ I am so thankful to God for giving me the opportunity to say "thank you" to Mr Vines. He was a true friend to my cousin, faithful in visiting my cousin during his illness. Rest in peace. Mrs. Vines and the family you are in my prayers!



Lois Dupree - July 06, 2024 at 04:51 PM

WC

“ Walter And Mildred Council lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines



Walter and Mildred Council - July 06, 2024 at 02:35 PM

WF

“ Mrs. Janet and Family we are so terribly sorry for your loss. Continued love and prayers during this time. - Whiteville Liberty Healthcare Family



Whiteville Liberty Healthcare Family - July 05, 2024 at 04:00 PM

JL

“ To Gracie and the entire Vines family; we morn with you at passing of Thomas Vines and rejoice with you that he is dancing on streets of gold with his Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. May the Lord console your hearts as only His Holy Spirit can. Much love, Jewel and Frenise Logan.

Jewel Logan - July 04, 2024 at 06:12 PM

JS

“ To The Vines Family, thank you for sharing the gift given to you by The Heavenly Father with me. He was my brother, mentor, most of all he was my FRIEND. He will be missed, but I can assure you he will live on as long we remember. May God Bless you all.

J.Micheal Drummer Sr - July 04, 2024 at 01:29 PM

JS

“ To Vines family, thank you for sharing the gift given to by The Heavenly Father with me. He was my brother, mentor most of all he was my FRIEND. He will be missed but I can assure you as long as we rember, he will never be forgotten.

J.Micheal Drummer Sr - July 04, 2024 at 01:14 PM

SB

“ To the Vines family I offer my condolences. This brother will truly be missed. May God bless your family at this time of bereavement. To Mr. Vines: Alas my brother

Sanchez Briscoe - July 03, 2024 at 05:01 PM

JK

“ Joyce A. King lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines



Joyce A. King - July 03, 2024 at 03:28 PM

WI

“ To Ms. Gracie and Family, from my family to yours, our Deepest Condolences and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Tommy and I have been friends for over 30 years and I will truly miss my buddy. Bill and Jean Smith..



William Franklin Smith III - July 02, 2024 at 10:47 PM

WB

“ WDDGM BurginEdwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines



WDDGM BurginEdwards - July 01, 2024 at 09:18 PM

JM

“ Johnny L Moye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines



Johnny L Moye - July 01, 2024 at 07:28 PM

MA

“ To Gracie and family, Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Tommy. May God comfort and keep you, and give you peace. Love Linda, Marguerette & Gregory

Marguerette Atkinson-Vicks - July 01, 2024 at 06:50 PM

VS

“ *A True Brother and Friend take your rest. Sending Prayers and Condolences to the Family*

Veronica Sawyer - July 01, 2024 at 02:16 PM

MD

“ *Sending my sincere condolences and prayers to the Vines family! Noble Vines will be greatly missed. We will always cherish his fond memories.*

*PP. Michael J. Duncan
Imperial Deputy of the Oasis
Rameses Temple No.51
Oasis of Charlote
Desert of North Carolina*



Mike J. Duncan - July 01, 2024 at 12:54 PM

WB

“ *WALTER BOLDEN lit a candle in memory of Thomas Vines*



WALTER BOLDEN - July 01, 2024 at 09:54 AM

AH

“ *Noble Alton Harris, Ella Harris. and Amber Harris light a candle to honor the memory of Noble Thomas Vines.*

Alton R. Harris



Alton Harris - July 01, 2024 at 08:53 AM

TJ

“ 1 file added to the album Motorized Dept



TJ James - July 01, 2024 at 07:35 AM

LD

“ Lula Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines



Lula Davis - June 30, 2024 at 10:47 PM

PF

“ Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines



Pastor Milton & Delorse Staton Family - June 30, 2024 at 02:37 PM

SP

“ Sarah Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines



Sarah Pritchard - June 30, 2024 at 12:59 PM

MP

“ *Myrna Petteway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



Myrna Petteway - June 30, 2024 at 12:05 PM

MP

“ *Myrna Petteway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



Myrna Petteway - June 30, 2024 at 12:01 PM

KG

“ *Kevin & Pamela Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



Kevin & Pamela Gibson - June 30, 2024 at 09:10 AM

TN

“ *To Brother Vines' family and friends please know that we are thinking of you at this time of sorrow and the days ahead.*

May Thomas Rest In Eternal Love and Peace



The Suggs Family (Farmville NC) - June 29, 2024 at 09:15 PM

VI

Dearest Gracie: You and the family are always in my thoughts and prayers.

I was close to your parents during my youth while living in Farmville. Ms. Mebane blessed me with my very first jobs light housekeeping on Saturdays. It was a pleasure and beautiful life experience for several years... very fond and warm memories. To God Be The Glory.

*May your husband Thomas
Rest In Eternal Love and Peace*

*Please take care ❤️❤️❤️
Vickie Suggs Moore*

Vickie - July 03, 2024 at 10:19 PM

VB

“ *Valerie Blount-Joyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



Valerie Blount-Joyner - June 29, 2024 at 02:40 PM

GD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. -Gloria Dixon*

gloria dixon - June 29, 2024 at 02:27 PM

HJ

“ *Helen Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



Helen Johnson - June 29, 2024 at 09:36 AM

IW

“ *Isabelle Wicker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



Isabelle Wicker - June 29, 2024 at 09:34 AM

BW

“ *Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



Ben wooten - June 29, 2024 at 04:51 AM

HD

“ *Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



Hazel Brown Davis - June 28, 2024 at 11:51 PM

TJ

“ *TJ James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



TJ James - June 28, 2024 at 10:48 PM

BJ

“ Noble Thomas Vines, my very good friend and brother. I will never forget him. To his wife and family, God will Walk all of you through this.

Deputy Bill Johnson, #175



Bill Johnson - June 28, 2024 at 09:56 PM

JM

“ On behalf of my mother, Lillie B. Adams-McClaud and I, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of Brother Vines. Sincere condolences and prayers!



Jacquelyn McClaud - June 28, 2024 at 06:10 PM

JH

“ Noble Vines....Where do I start ? I remember the days we used to spend
You were like a mentor to me, guiding me through life's challenges and Shrine knowledge with your kind words and gentle demeanor. Your presence brought comfort and warmth to those around you, and your absence is felt deeply by all who knew you.



I miss our conversations, our shared moments of laughter, and reflection. Your friendship was a gift that I will always cherish, and I will hold onto the memories we made together, traveling the Domain forever. Rest in peace, my dear friend. Your spirit lives on in the hearts of those who loved you. Signed Noble Jermain Harrison

Jermain Harrison - June 28, 2024 at 03:35 PM

LC

Well Said!

LaVerne Cannon-Kornegay - July 04, 2024 at 01:20 PM

MF

“ *Marion Faison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



Marion Faison - June 28, 2024 at 02:49 PM

EH

“ *Emish Faye Harris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



Emish Faye Harris-Williams - June 28, 2024 at 12:52 PM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continues To Comfort And Strengthen The Family*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - June 28, 2024 at 10:39 AM

LF

“ *LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Vines*



LaVette Ford - June 28, 2024 at 09:01 AM

GJ

“ *May the Love of God give The Vines' Family strength in your hour of bereavement and may His Anointed Spirit forever rest in your hearths. Brother Vines will be missed in many ways. He had the leadership of a Great man and kindness of a King. I will miss the long talks and laughs that give us the strengths to live in this world.*



George and Patricia Jones - June 28, 2024 at 03:38 AM

JM

“ *To the Vines' family sorry for the loss of your family member, Mr. Vines will be dearly missed. " Although it's difficult today to see beyond sorrow, may looking back in memory help me to have comfort in tomorrow." I will always remember the LOVE you have for the community and the LOVE for anyone you came in contact with. You always welcome everyone with open arms. Thomas, Rest in Heavenly Peace my friend.*



Jennifer Moore - June 27, 2024 at 03:08 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton funeral Home and Staff - June 27, 2024 at 10:34 AM

WB

Brother Barrett,
To the Vines family my deepest sympathy for your loss. I will truly miss my Buddy Talking to him for hours on the phone. My buddy is sleeping now and resting well. May God bless.

Walter Barrett - June 28, 2024 at 05:01 PM

AD

To the Vines family my deepest sympathy for your loss he was a great friend of my family May God bless his family rest in peace Tommy

Anthony Dupree - June 30, 2024 at 10:53 AM

CR

The loss of a dear brother a ridding buddy

Clayton D, Reid - June 30, 2024 at 07:31 PM

LL

Condolences to the Vines family, sincere sympathy for the lost of my friend ,brother, GIG and son of the desert..HPIP Noble Thomas F. Vines. Rest in peace!!.....HPP Linwood E. LANE

Linwood E Lane - July 01, 2024 at 05:43 PM