



Mr. Jerry Lee Thomas Sr.

July 23, 1952 - April 23, 2019

Mr. Jerry Lee "Bootleg" Thomas was born on July 23, 1952 in Brandon, Mississippi to Mr Murphy "James and Geneva Thomas-Mayers, whom both proceeded him in death. He was affectionately known as "Bootleg" or Jerry Lee by his family and dear friends. In addition to his parents proceeding him in death, he also had two beautiful children who transitioned to their heavenly home before him: Santana and Jerry "Man" Thomas. His sister, Betty Thomas and brothers Willie Mayers and William Thomas also proceeded him in death. On April 23, 2019, our Lord reached out for Jerry's hand and whispered into his ear, and he followed.

Jerry spent his entire life as a resident of Brandon, Mississippi. As a child, he attended The Pearlie Grove School and then transitioned to McLaurin High School, where he met many of his life long friends and classmates. He was a very active young man in school. He enjoyed playing basketball and softball and loved to share his memories of ball games between the Rankin County rivalaries: Carter and McLaurin High Schools. At an early life he committed himself to Jesus Christ and later re-joined his home church: Jerusalem MB Church in Brandon, MS. Jerry enjoyed spending Sunday mornings at church until his health began to fail him.

On December 24, 1972, he married Bernice Purvis-Thomas. To this union three children were born: Jerry "Man" Jr, Santana, and Felecia Thomas, who stuck by her father's side. Until his wife's death in 2014, they spent 41 years together enjoying fishing on the Reservoir, gardening in their backyard,

playing softball, and taking care of their children and grandchildren. During football season, you would find him sitting in front of the television waiting for the New Orleans Saints to take the field, all while dressed in his Saints attire. Leading up until moments before the game, he made sure that he would talk to his nephew, Eddie "Ir" Morris to discuss how the Saints were going to win and eventually make it to the Superbowl. Win, lose, or draw, he was a true Saints fan.

"Bootleg", as he was called by all of his co-workers provided over 40 years of service to the Clorox Company in Pearl, Ms. He left many last impressions on all of his co-workers. Matter of fact, he met his bestfriends while employed there: Mr. Isaac Williams (Duck), Mr. Norman Barail, Sr (Hawk), and Mr. John Bond.

Jerry will leave his loving memories with his daughter, Felecia (Robert) Thomas whom he openly expressed his love for three grand children, Jaylan Mason, Justin "JT" Thomas, both of Arlington, TX and his Ry-Ry, Ryleigh Jones of Brandon, Ms, five sisters: Annie Morris of Richland, MS, Mary Dampeer of Jackson, Ms, Jo Ann (Herman) Coleman of Brandon, Ms, Bobbie (Charles) Skinner and Debbie "Ann" Thomas, both of Shelby, MS. Seven brothers: Fred (Linda) Taylor of Braxton, Ms, Joe Lee Mayers of Brandon, MS, Willie Card, Murphy (Jackie) Thomas, Nick Thomas, Larry (Sara) Thomas, all of Memphis, TN and Eugene Thomas of Shelby, MS. He also leaves many special memories with his aunt, Thelma Mayers, cousins, nieces, and nephews whom each held a special place in his heart.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Jerusalem M. B. Church
446 Jerusalem Church Road
Brandon, MS 39042
deanmemorialfh@aol.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Lee Thomas Sr..*



May 02, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Felecia, Love Tonya and Nate*



Tonya Thomas - April 25, 2019 at 06:34 PM



“ *Shirley Porter Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lee Thomas Sr.*



Shirley Porter Harper - April 24, 2019 at 05:06 PM



MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE PASSED I'M SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS

KIM DEAR - June 21, 2020 at 09:11 AM