In Loving Memory of



Thomas Holmes

November 30, 1962 - October 16, 2026

Home Going Service

Friday, November 13, 2026
Viewing: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Funeral Service: 10:00 AM

Obituary

Thomas Kelvin Holmes, age 63, departed his life on October 16, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, generosity, and unwavering support for the people fortunate enough to know him. Though his passing leaves a void in the hearts of his family and friends, the memories he created and the love he shared will forever remain.

Born on November 30, 1962, in New York City, New York, to Thomas and Annie Holmes, Thomas was a man whose life was defined by his heart, his loyalty, and his willingness to show up for others. He earned his Diploma and participated in numerous programs and accomplishments throughout his life, continuing to grow, learn, and make a difference in his own way.

Thomas was a loving brother, a devoted family man, and a true friend to many. He had a generous spirit and a heart that made room for others. Whether family, friends, or someone simply in need of a helping hand, Thomas believed in giving what he could. He was the kind of person who would give the shirt off his back to help someone else, never hesitating to offer support, encouragement, or a helping hand. He had a special way of making people feel that they mattered, and he continually invested in the lives of those around him. His love was not simply spoken; it was demonstrated through his actions, his presence, and the countless ways he showed up for others.

One of Thomas's greatest joys and proudest roles was helping to raise his grandchildren. He loved and adored them deeply, taking immense pride in being part of their lives. They brought him happiness, purpose, and countless cherished moments. The bond he shared with them was a treasured part of his life, and the love he poured into them will continue to live on through each of them.

And, of course, Thomas had a passion that many knew well—he was a die-hard New York Knicks fan! His love for his team was another part of his personality that made him uniquely Thomas. And then there was chess! If you see him coming with a satchel, either get away quickly or be prepared to play. Whether sharing a laugh, supporting his favorite team, or spending time with the people he loved, he brought his own special presence to every moment.

Thomas's life reminds us that a person's legacy is not measured only by what they accomplish, but by the love they give, the lives they touch, and the difference they make along the way. He leaves behind lessons in generosity, loyalty, family, and the importance of being there for others. Although he is no longer physically present, the seeds of love and kindness he planted will continue to grow in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

Thomas was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Thomas and Annie Holmes; his son, Troy Drakeford; his brother, Kelly Canteen; and his grandparents, David and Carrie Holmes and Jessie Johnson.

Thomas leaves to cherish his precious memory his loving spouse, Trina; his children, Tashina and Tory (Samaria); and his beloved grandchildren, Chella, Torin, Tory Jr., Titus, Troy Jr. and Torrence, who brought him immense joy and pride. He also leaves his loving sisters, Joanne "Cookie" Holmes and Lynn; his brothers, Lorenzo Moon and Keith Bobo (Tara); his beloved god-sister, Denise "Neicy" Canteen; and his beloved god-brother Henry "JR" Canteen; a 2nd mother to him, Josephine Johnson; his in-laws, Bobo and Woody; his niece Takiya; his nephews, Marcus Wright, Henry Cecil Wright, Justin Wright, Jason Holmes, Lorenzo Moon Jr., Herman Thomas, and Chaz Bobo. Thomas leaves a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, dear friends, and all those whose lives were touched by his generosity and love.

A Life and Love That Will Never Be Forgotten
Though our hearts are heavy, we find comfort in knowing that Thomas's love will never truly leave us. It lives on in the family he cherished, the grandchildren he helped raise, the friends he supported, and the countless people who experienced his kindness.

His journey on this earth has ended, but his impact will continue through the lives he touched. He will be remembered for his generous heart, his unwavering support, his love for family, and the way he gave himself to others.

Thomas Kelvin Holmes "Tinker" will be deeply missed, forever loved, and always remembered. His presence may be gone from our sight, but his love will remain with us for a lifetime.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude ..... Rev. Brown

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Dr. James A. Kilgore

Scripture Reading..... Rev. Dr. Helen C. Wingate

Old Testament

New Testament

Musical Selection..... Rev. Brown

Poem ..... Neicy Canteen

Obituary ..... Rev. Dr. Helen C. Wingate

Acknowledgments of Cards and Letters ..... Rev. Dr. Helen C. Wingate

Musical Selection..... Rev. Brown

Remarks/Reflection..... Family & Friends (Two minutes Please)

Musical Selection..... Rev. Brown

Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. James A. Kilgore

Final Viewing and Postlude

Amen

Interment

Kensico Cemetery

273 Lakeview Avenue, Valhalla, NY 1059



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 day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I 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!

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!

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