



*In Loving Memory of*

*Thomas K. Garris*

Sunrise: February 2, 1955

Sunset: January 17, 2020

# Obituary



**Thomas Keith Garris** born to Charlene Robinson Garris and John Thomas Garris both deceased.


Thomas was enrolled in P.S. 147 QIGC Program, where he started grade school and graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School. Thomas started an early career playing the piano with various local groups, but he decided to attend Long Island University while playing part-time.

Thomas had a special gift in music. He composed, directed, produced and performed in many diverse venues. He landed a position with The Village People where he toured the world. He even had the opportunity to go to South Africa via a special passport. Thomas was also interested in marital arts and over the years he advanced to the level of a Black Belt in karate. His passion was music, but he did modeling which was an off shoot of stage performances. He also designed websites and e-commerce businesses. Thomas was a licensed financial Wall Street professional. He had his Series 6713 Certification which led him into internal financial funding and development. He worked with Chase.

Thomas was special and loved by everyone he met. He was brilliant, clever, perceptive and caring and helpful. He was modest concerning his professional and personal endeavors. "Everyone loved him."

Thomas leaves: his life partner, Gail "Nicey" Johnson; beloved sisters, Geraldine "Gerrie" Garris-Thompson and Raenelle "Rae" Garris; his adopted brother, Allen Murphy; his uncle, Tyndell Robinson; aunt, Delores "Lori" Glaze; "The Elders of The Robinson Clan; and a host of cousins and extended family members.

Thomas was an exceptional human being with great foresight. His spirit is with us always!



Service  
Saturday, February 1, 2020 - 12:00 Noon  
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## *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

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*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

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## *Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York*

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## *To Those I Love*

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome Home."  
-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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