

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
**THOMAS CHESTER ROBINSON**

September 12, 1948 - January 2, 2021



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**U.S. ARMY**



# OBITUARY

**Thomas Chester Robinson, Jr.** was born on September 12, 1948 in Harlem, New York. He was born to his parents, Thomas Robinson and Moselle Robinson. He was the eldest sibling to his sister, Cissy Thomas.

Thomas was a very athletic young man growing up. He was an excellent swimmer. He was so great at swimming that he could have made it to the Olympics. He would swim for miles without getting exhausted. Thomas loved to roller skate and dance to the latest jams of his era. He was such a great dresser because of the cool clothing he wore. His style and grace got him the nickname "Cool Breeze". Thomas also developed a great sense of humor. It was guaranteed that a conversation with him will make you laugh.

Thomas was such an eager young man growing up. He volunteered to join the US Army in 1966 during the Vietnam War. He entered the Engineering program where he learned many tactics to protect his country, the United States of America. He became an Army Engineer specialist. He often volunteered to go on special missions with one truck convoys to capture the enemy. He was so elusive that his army comrades nicknamed him "Slick". They named him "Slick" because he always came out unscathed when he went on dangerous missions. In the US Army, he was promoted to Spec -5. He was honorably discharged in 1969. Later on, he married his first love, Hattie Robinson.

Thomas entered the Thomas A. Edison Trade School and earned a certification in "Safety Education in Professional Driving". Shortly after his schooling, he entered the largest construction trade local union in the USA, called Local Union # 3 IBEW. Thomas became an excellent electrician. He was a proud union electrician especially when he helped light up the New York City skyline from the early '70s to '00s. During his career as an electrician, he received several awards and certificates for his intense work ethics of perfection. He retired with a full pension for all his efforts. Thomas could never stand still. He was always working even after his retirement from the industry. He enjoyed helping his friends and family with all types of construction work. He also loved to work on his cars and trucks as he was mechanically inclined that he knew he could fix anything.

Thomas lived an adventurous life until January 2, 2021. He would forever live in our hearts because as the saying goes, "those we love and lose are always connected by heartstrings into infinity". Thomas left the world leaving behind his loved ones: his sister, Cissy Thomas; Jaquinta Harris and his oldest daughter, Nina Harris; Hattie Robinson and his two sons, Terrence Robinson and Twain Edward Robinson; Mamie Ann "Liz" Bligen, his step-son, Albert Allah Meggett and his youngest daughter, Shakira T. Robinson; his nephew, Jamal Thomas; his niece, Michelle Thomas; his nephew, Michael Thomas; his niece, Estelle Thomas; his nephew, Chester Thomas; his nephews, Rodney Powell and Ronald Powell; his niece, Renita Powell; his nephew, Ryan Powell; his niece, Shanda Oliver; and his only beautiful grandchildren, Armané Robinson, Terrence Robinson, Jr., Bria Robinson, Jordan Robinson and Kimora Robinson.

Thank you Thomas for your service to this country! You may be gone from our sight but never forgotten in our hearts!

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## **Processional**

### **Selection**

“Papa Was A Rollin’ Stone”  
(Temptations) - Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

## **Scripture Readings**

### **Prayer**

### **Selection**

“Inner City Blues”  
(Marvin Gaye) - Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

## **Acknowledgements**

### **Remarks**

Twain Edward Robinson  
Shakira T. Robinson

## **Obituary**

### **Selection**

“For The Good Times”  
(Al Green) - Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

### **Eulogy**

Rev. Lee Arrington

## **Committal**

## **Viewing**

## **Recessional**

### **INTERMENT:**

Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York



# I SAID A PRAYER

I said a prayer for you today and  
I know God must have heard  
I felt the answer in my heart  
Although He spoke no word!  
I didn't ask for wealth or fame  
(I knew you wouldn't mind)

I asked him to send treasures of  
A far more lasting kind!

I asked that He'd be near you  
At the start of each new day  
To grant you health and blessings  
And friends to share your way!

I asked for happiness for you in all  
Things great and small but it was for his  
loving care that I Prayed for most of all!

-Author unknow

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