

In Loving Memory of
Ewan Hyatt Thomas

December 15, 1954 - March 17, 2021



FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021 - 3:00 P.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Potts, Officiating

Joshua Nelson, Organist

Obituary

Ewan Hyatt Thomas passed away on October 9, 2021 at home in East Orange, New Jersey. His battle with cancer over the past few years was in many ways indicative of the way he lived. He faced this disease and life's challenges with courage, fortitude and a clear sense of purpose.

Ewan Hyatt Thomas, affectionately known as Chubby, was born on April 12, 1952, in Kingston Jamaica to the late Ewan Alfred Thomas and Olga Sinthya Thomas. Chubby was the eldest of seven children and at the age of 16 he and his siblings suffered the profound loss of their father. This loss had a deep and lingering impact on Chubby. In the ensuing years the love he had for his family became quite evident as he took on the overarching responsibility of helping his mother raise and provide for his siblings.

Chubby attended St. Aloysious school in Kingston and later apprenticed with his uncle as a metal fabricator. This allowed Chubby to help support the family financially and created an opportunity for him to help two of his younger brothers learn the trade. Throughout this time Chubby was able to travel around the island, meet new people and forge many life-long friendships.

Chubby's love of family, courage and clear sense of purpose was on full display as he contemplated migration to North America. He first travelled to Canada in 1979 and returned to Jamaica, before migrating to the United States permanently in 1984/5. This fateful decision opened the door for some of his family to migrate to the US and to strive and achieve a better life.

In 1985, while leaving his apartment building he saw Rebecca, the younger sister of a friend and was immediately smitten. Being the consummate charmer, he invited her to the party he left earlier! Alas, to his dismay, Rebecca did not agree to be his "girl" until two years later, and the rest as they say is history. After getting married in 1989, they later moved to East Orange New Jersey for the next chapter of their lives.

Chubby is survived by his beloved wife Rebecca, children Aretha (Munchie), Leo, Kevin, Elena, Ewana and William. He also leaves behind his remaining siblings Madge, Yvonne, Norman and Elvis, Aunts Nesta and Editha, several nieces and nephews as well as countless extended family and friends. His memories will continue to be cherished by his eleven grandchildren and great-grandson.

Chubby will be missed for his smile, his kind words, the occasional zingers and being the life of the party. A life well lived.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Psalms 23 - Aretha McLean

John 14:1-7 - Kimesha Richards

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Original Poem - "Thank You"

Ewan Thomas

Tributes Given By:

William Thomas

Madge Thomas

Acknowledgements

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Eulogy

Recessional

Cremation

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey



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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