



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
**GOBIE THAGGARD**  
“SKEET”

**October 29, 1947 - October 12, 2021**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021 - 12:00 P.M.**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

**1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey**

# OBITUARY

Gobie Thaggard known as "Skeet" was born on October 29, 1947 in Rose Hill Mississippi to the late Jim Thaggard and the late Elouise Thaggard. He was the oldest of four children. Skeet relocated from Mississippi as a young adolescent with his family to Newark, New Jersey in 1958. This is where he attended school and years later found a career as an owner operator truck driver until retirement.

One of his passions was cooking for others. He loved to host events where he could cook. He also loved fishing, gardening with his sister, dogs, and most of all gathering with family and friends. He loved to take road trips whenever he could by driving. He refused to fly anywhere. His favorite television shows were Hogan Hero and Gun Smoke he watched them daily. His favorite singer was "James Brown", he had his ring tone set with "Papa don't take no mess".

He was a simple man who never required much. He was genuine, honorable, a great listener who gave his opinion even if you did not want it. He was truly a people person, a mentor, and a great friend. He would give the shirt off of his back if you needed it. He will truly be missed by every one!

He enjoyed the bar scene where he gathered with friends to celebrate and spread joy. He spent time at the Fox Trap, Mugs, Square One, Rat Pack, and a host of others. He loved to spend time at the "Newark Knights" where he was an honorary member. It was his home away from home.

He leaves behind his Sister Bernice Thaggard, Brother Herman Thaggard, Nieces Aisha, Arletha, Jeanette, Keyana, Nyaujah, Amaya, Armoni, Keyarah, Nephews Jimmie, Tyrone, Tarrell, Tyquan, Jawad, Zaire, Aziz, Armond, Tyler, Kahron, Tyquan Jr., Kavon, David, Jerome, Step daughters Sherritta and Marquetta, Step grandchildren Amber, Asa, Brianni, Dejahna, Brielle, Amandi, Bryce and seven step great grandchildren, Charles (Tyree) who was the son he never had. He also leaves behind a host of other family members and friends.

He leaves us all to join his Life Partner Delores Simon of 45 years, his Mother, Father, Brother Michael, and Uncle JD. I know they will all be happy to welcome him home.

## MESSAGES FOR "SKEET"

We will miss you so much, it will never be the same. We love you dearly brother. Bernice and Herman

Uncle Skeet, you may be gone in sight, but will never be gone from my heart. We had our moments, but only God knows how much I love you and looked up to you growing up. The "Lord truly" has a solider on his way home, and poppa don't take no mess! Jeanette

"Friends forever". Skip

Papa, Thank you for always making sure we had great meals, and our bellies were always full. We will miss your phone calls to give us a hard time and then say "I just wanted to hear your voice" Miss and love you always. Asa, Amber, and Sherritta

Dear Skeet I want to thank you for raising me to the man I am today. Thanks for always keeping it 100 with me and being you. I will always love you. Charles (Boso).

Uncle Skeet there is not a day that will go by where you won't cross my mind. Although I am angry about your absence, your soul being at peace is what keeps me from being bitter. You have made a lifelong mark on so many people and brought so many tears to eyes for those who'll no longer get to hear your voice again. Rest in peace my guardian angel, forever in my heart. Amaya

Uncle Skeet I never wanted to see this day. I will miss you with all the fun me, you, and Boo had hanging out at the bars. You were the father that I never had. I want to thank you for everything you did for me. As you know this is why you were the one to walk me down the aisle on my wedding day. I love you and you will always live in my heart. Arletha

Uncle Skeet we love you and will miss you. We wish we had more days to go fishing with you. We know you will be the best fisher and cook in heaven. Zaire and Aziz

Uncle I will miss the times when me, Fall, and Akbar would come sit and have laughs with you. We looked forward to the Fridays we would get together. You were a funny dude that talked smack. I will truly miss you brother! David

Uncle Skeet we love you and will miss you so much. Nyaujah and Armoni

Uncle you called me the "Warden" cause just like you I don't take no mess. You were my friend, my voice of reason at times. We battled sometimes and minutes later we were back on track. We had fun times taking road trips together. You were truly a fun person to be around. I would spend time with you multiple times a week because I knew you needed the Company, especially when Aunt Delores passed away. I knew she would want me to take care of you. "You would always tell me you didn't know what you would do without me". Now I am saying those same words about you. I told you I would ride with you to the wheels fell off and I can truly say I did just that. Who knew that Sunday when I came to visit you in the hospital it would be the last time I would say I love you. I will forever hold you dear in my heart and love you forever! who would ever think I would miss those daily calls listening to you complain. I know for sure there will never be another uncle "Skeet". Aisha

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*God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around you  
And whispered, 'Come to me'  
With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you pass away  
Although we loved you dearly  
We could not make you stay  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of **Gobie "Skeet" Thaggard** wishes to express sincere gratitude for compassion, prayers, phone calls, and all acts of kindness given during our time of sorrow.

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