

*In Loving Memory of*



*Gerald S. Thomas*

**SUNRISE: March 25, 1963**

**SUNSET: October 22, 2021**

**Monday, November 1, 2021 - 12PM**

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# *Obituary*

**GERALD SCOTT** was the middle child of Mary Ellen and Arthur Milton Thomas, Sr., born on March 25, 1963 in Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital in Manhattan, New York.

Gerald attended P. S. 198, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School, Wagner J.H.S., and Julia Richmond H.S. for his primary and secondary education. He also attended SUNY's Hudson Valley Community College, Rensselaer-Troy, New York and CUNY's Hunter College, Manhattan, New York.

Gerald was a March Child; independent, free-spirited, self-sufficient and stubborn. He was a good friend, generous, dependable, protective and usually cooperative. He loved to eat, have fun, make jokes and laugh. He loved trains, video games, dancing and music—especially Bruce Springsteen, Cindi Lauper, Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder.

He was fortunate to have the opportunity and exposures to community-based programs with the Boy Scouts of America, Lenox Hill Camp, and Boys Harbor After School Program and their Summer Camp in East Hampton, Long Island. Where he experienced swimming, boating, horseback riding and track and field. He even earned his lifeguard certificate!

Gerald's enthusiasm for his Boston Celtics Basketball Summer Camp experience was extraordinary. He was particularly impressed with their culinary abundance and availability of delicious and abundant meals.

He was an avid bicycle enthusiast. He purchased his own expensive bike, which he enjoyed immensely as he traveled New York City's four boroughs.

His work experiences included a Stockman at Bloomingdales, Security Guard, and UPS Employee.

His illness curtailed his further pursuit of his ambitions, dreams and aspirations. He loved his family and friends in his "own special way" and we loved him unconditionally.

Gerald died suddenly after a long deliberating illness and leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Mary; brother, Artie; sister, Karen Danita; nephew, Jordan Stephen; aunt, Rosetta Thomas; and a host of cousins and friends. Gerald was predeceased by his dad, Arthur M. Thomas, Sr. and grandparents, Stephen (Pop) and Annie Whitaker Ballentine.

***Rest In Peace, March 25th***

Loving Submitted,  
The Family

# *Order of Service*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

### **SELECTION**

“He Looked Beyond My Fault”

### **SCRIPTURE**

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

## **PRAYER**

### **SELECTION**

“You are the Center of My Life”

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

## **OBITUARY**

## **EULOGY**

### **SELECTION**

“Love’s In Need of Love Today” (Stevie Wonder)

## **COMMITTAL**

## **VIEWING**

## **RECESSIONAL**

“Someday We Will Be Free” (Donny Hathaway)

## **INTERMENT:**

Ferncliff Cemetery  
Hartsdale, New York

# *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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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.

## ***SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS***

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to the staff at Family Care – Transitional Living Residence.***

***We would also like to thank everyone for the many acts of love and  
kindness shown through your prayers, cards and telephone calls. It  
comforts our hearts to know you care so much.***

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