



James Oliver Thomas

September 21, 1966 - April 27, 2012

James Oliver Thomas, much loved son, brother, uncle and friend to many found the perfect healing peace of The Father in heaven on April 27, 2012. James was born in St. Petersburg, Florida on September 21, 1966. He was a graduate of LaGrange College with a degree in business. James had served two years in The United States Navy. His love of dogs resulted in his career as a dog groomer and he shared his expertise with Four Paws. Music was a passion in James' life and he was accomplished on key board instruments, and played in the handbell choir at Newnan First Baptist Church and also played French horn in the church orchestra. He was in the creative process for a piece for French horn at the time of his death. He is survived by his parents Larry and Frances Thomas of Newnan; his brothers, Larry D. (and Melody) Thomas of Myakka City, FL, David Thomas (and Ginger) of Holualoa, HI. His nieces are Brooke (and Jeffrey) Orr of Charlotte, NC, Brittany (and Michael) Wilder and their daughter Rilynn Wilder of Parrish, FL. There is also a large extended family of cousins. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan where the funeral service will be Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 11:00 AM in the McKoon chapel with Dr. Jimmy Patterson officiating. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be at the funeral home on Wednesday evening between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. James' memory may be honored by a contribution in his name to For Paws Rescue: forpawsrescue@aol.com. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Dear Thomas Family, We had only gotten to know James over this last year, but what memories we have collected in the short time we had the pleasure of knowing your son! He was so sociable and fun-loving, and introduced himself to our family before we even had a chance to notice someone new had joined our orchestra group! His smile was contagious, and his continuous humor and livlihood kept us all on our toes! He was so kind and loving with our sweet family, and not a moment went by when he wasn't thinking of someone he could touch the life of. We will vividly remember the few barbeques he came over for, the "kitchen tips" he gave my wife when preparing food, and the love had had for animals, especially our sweet little dog Jake that he took a liking to! We miss him greatly already, and know that our lives are forever changed for having known him only a short time. May the horns in heaven triumphantly welcome him in, and the bells forever ring in honor of his name. In Love, David and Susie Jonassen and Family

David and Susie Jonassen - May 04, 2012 at 10:24 AM

DP

“ Dear Larry and Frances ~ We send our love to you and our prayers to the Heavenly Father. He will care for James and comfort you. It was such a joy to get to know him the past year in the music ministry...how God gifted him with such musical talents. God bless your family in these days of sorrowing ~

Don and Jonnie Porter - May 03, 2012 at 03:38 PM

MA

“ To JT's family, I'm so sorry about JT. The news of his passing was like a punch in the stomach. I'm lucky to say JT was my friend. And I'm better off for it. Know that there's a whole lot of other people in the world that are better off for knowing JT too. He was loved. And he will be missed. Matt

Matt J. Aiken - May 02, 2012 at 11:34 PM

AB

“ Dear Thomas family, I am sorry for your loss. I met JT in college. He was so full of life and humor and always had a smile. He will certainly be missed. ~Alicia Bailey

Alicia Bailey - May 02, 2012 at 11:07 PM

PA

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of James. I remember when he was 11, hiding in his locker as a joke, always smiling...he brought so much joy to so many people. He was loved, and deep down, a great person. I'm praying for the whole family, as I know how difficult this time is after just losing my Mom a few months ago. Blessings to you all~

Patti - May 02, 2012 at 05:42 PM

TM

“ Dear Thomas Family, I am deeply sorry to hear of the loss of JT. JT is one of the best people I ever had the pleasure of knowing. I met him while at LaGrange College and he always had a smile, kind words and a joy that came from the heart. He will be missed greatly and remembered with a smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless, Tiffany Myers

Tiffany Myers - May 02, 2012 at 05:23 PM

JR

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your family's loss. JT was a wonderful person and I know that everyone who met him at LaGrange remembers him fondly.

Jenny Wood Rasch - May 02, 2012 at 03:41 PM

MZ

“ We're all so sorry for your loss and his young passing. And although I can't imagine how hard it is to lose him, I know your faith and his peace will get you through this. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We loved James and love spending time with all of you. Kennywood would not have been the same without him there to get the girls on the Jack Rabbit! Love, Missy, Gordon, Alex and Dani

Missy Zakett - May 02, 2012 at 02:45 PM

TW

“ Dear Thomas Family, I'd like to express my deepest condolences on the passing of your son, and our beloved fraternal brother. It is a sad time indeed for those of us who were touched by JT's youthful spirit, friendship, and wisdom. I hold JT in high regard and only wish I had stayed in contact more often. On behalf of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, from LaGrange College; please accept our deepest sympathies and prayers for your family. God Bless, Travis Walker
Kappa Sigma - Kappa Omicron Chapter 1996-2000 AEKDB

Travis Walker - May 02, 2012 at 02:06 PM

RM

“ Dear Uncle Larry and Aunt Fran, Bo, David and families, We are so sorry to see such a young life leave us all too soon. It seems the joys are always too short lived and losing sons and daughters is too much too understand. We send you lots of love and the shared belief that there is still hope in life of greater meaning and purpose by an all knowing G-d. I wish Mom and Dad and I could travel to be with you at this time but those days are passed for them. We send you love and support and miss you all. G-d bless, Love, The Mink Family Lou, Viola, Ron, Sandy and (Pam)

Ron Mink - May 02, 2012 at 11:43 AM

GS

“ The world will not be the same without you. Your smile and laughter would make everyone around you feel good. Even though it has been years the memories we had together were priceless. I will miss you and loved you dearly. Praying for your wonderful family. Glenna

Glenna Soper - May 02, 2012 at 11:21 AM

FR

“ This is such heart breaking news. We have such fond memories of James and all of the fun times we spent with him at the lake. Our family loved him and remembers him as a happy, wonderful, good-hearted person...Always smiling. May God Bless him and give him peace. Our prayers are with you. Love, Frank, Jill, Frankie, and Emma

Fries - May 02, 2012 at 09:27 AM

DG

“ *Mr and Mrs Thomas and family, I know I have already told you how much you all are in my prayers but I just wanted to remind you how Happy James made a lot of people in his life. Oh when I think of all the times in high school with us and youth group and all of our trips.. Wow, how very lucky am I to have had such a special person to be a part of my life. I truly believe we will see each other again in Heaven and What a party it will be! Love to all of you! Stay strong.. Peace!*

Debbie Gerdes - May 01, 2012 at 08:07 PM

TW

“ *Uncle Larry and Aunt Fran - I am so sorry to hear about James passing. I remember him as a always happy and smiling little cousin. Please let me know if you need anything. My thoughts and love are with you and all the family during this difficult time. Love - Tammy*

Tammy Wavering - May 01, 2012 at 04:25 PM