



Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr.

March 22, 1955 - May 1, 2024

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” -Psalm 73:26

Franklin Davis Thomas, Jr. a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, departed this earthly life on May 1, 2024 at the age of 69, at his home in Tickfaw, Louisiana. His departure leaves a void that will be deeply felt by all that knew him, especially his beloved family, who were always at the center of his heart.

Frank was born on March 22, 1955 to Franklin and Grace Thomas in Independence, Louisiana. It was there where Frank met his lifelong love, Joyce Marie Watts. Frank and Joyce were married in 1974. Together, they had three daughters, Christie Ann, Theresa Michelle, and Frankie Lynn. Frank dedicated his life to his family, cherishing every moment spent together. His unwavering love and support were the foundation upon which his family flourished. Frank's greatest dream in life was to provide a wonderful life for his loving wife and daughters.

This dream was fulfilled when he took over Air Flo Heating & Cooling in 1978, a company first founded by his father, Donald O'Neill, Sr., kickstarting a nearly 50 year career in heating and air conditioning. Alongside his loving brother, Joseph O'Neill, Frank built a business and a life he was extremely proud of.

Frank's years and dedication to the company created a thriving business that provided the life he dreamed of for his loving wife and family.

One of Frank's greatest passions was exploring the vast beauty of our country. He loved to travel with his wife, daughters, and friends. His greatest desire in life was to create everlasting memories for those he loved. After showing his three daughters the country, Frank and Joyce created special trips for each of their nine grandchildren and at the time of his death, was looking forward to creating beautiful memories for another generation of family, his great-grandchildren.

Frank will be forever remembered for his unyielding love for his family and his undying devotion to his beautiful wife. His legacy will live on through the memories shared and the values that he instilled in his loved ones. He leaves behind a family that is eternally grateful for the time they had together and the love he poured into their lives.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Joyce Marie Thomas; daughters, Christie Thomas, Theresa Patti (Chris), and Frankie Lynn Friloux (Cody); grandchildren, Kirsten Schillace (Jordan), Kelsey McLaughlin, Shelby Wiggins (Gabriel), Gavin Patti, Tristyn Friloux, Destiny McLaughlin, Mackenzie McLaughlin, Jaden Patti, and Lillian Friloux; great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Schillace, Bryn Davis, Clara Davis, and Ashton Schillace; sister, Cynthia Thomas; brothers, Donald O'Neill Jr. (Gina), and Joseph O'Neill (Christie); along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Frank is preceded in death by his father, Franklin D. Thomas, Sr.; parents, Grace and Donald C. O'Neill Sr.; grandparents, Joseph and Theresa Liotta; and dear friends, Clayton Lloyd, Mike Crapanzano, and Ray Vittorio.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the

Chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 12012 Hwy 190 West
Hammond, LA. on Monday, May 6, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
Visitation will resume on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until the start
of the Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m. Fr. Cayet Mangiaracina will officiate with
interment to follow in Colonial Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Colonial Cemetery

Highway 51 North
Independence, LA 70443

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

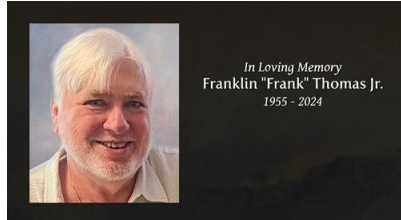
MAY 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr.*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - May 04, 2024 at 10:53 AM

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When I thought of sending flowers, I felt that it wasn't enough to honor the memory of Mr. Frank - after much thought, I landed with the idea of honoring him with 69 planted trees in Oregon, one for each year of life that this world was blessed to have him walk this earth and in memory of the many lives he touched, and for "the fresh breathe of air" he was for everyone around him! These 69 trees will never be able to impact as many lives as he did - but I couldn't think of a better way that I could honor him!

Anonymous22 - May 04, 2024 at 10:35 PM

JD

“ *Jimmy & Joyce Demouy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr..*



Jimmy & Joyce Demouy - May 06, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr..*



May 06, 2024 at 09:52 AM



“ *Love Andrew and Karen Pettey Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr..*



Love Andrew and Karen Pettey Family - May 03, 2024 at 09:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr..*



May 03, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *The Bass family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr..*

The Bass family - May 03, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr..*



May 03, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr..*



May 03, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ *I went to school with Frankie and Joyce both and they were destined to be together forever. I ran into him a few times in his business and always knew how to treat people kind and courteous. He will always be remembered as a great person. RIP my sweet friend. My prayers are with his family.*

Shirley Granger - May 02, 2024 at 07:24 PM

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Anonymous22 - May 04, 2024 at 09:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr..



May 02, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ Clay and Maria planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr..

Clay and Maria - May 02, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ Joyce may the memories of Frank be a comfort in the days and weeks ahead, Praying for strength and comfort for the entire family.
Carl & Carla Davis

Carl & Carla Davis Ticfaw LA - May 02, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr..



May 02, 2024 at 03:23 PM

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“ Randy and Julie Nix planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Franklin 'Frank' Thomas Jr..

Randy and Julie Nix - May 02, 2024 at 03:23 PM

RF

“ My dear cousin Joyce, I was saddened to hear of Franks passing. We stayed in touch on Facebook and I will miss him. I know how much he loved you and his family. I pray God will give you peace and strength to get through this difficult time, I know he was a special man to many people. My prayers and condolences.;

Rick Fletcher - May 02, 2024 at 01:50 PM

KL

I have a pretty old computer & I am not IT savvy. How did you get your message to send?? Thanks

KATHY LAMONICA - May 02, 2024 at 02:06 PM

KL

To Joe, Joyce, Cindy, Joann, Frankie's children, and the rest of the family, we offer our very deepest condolences from the bottom of our hearts. Frankie was always special to me and to all of us (but especially to me, Kathy) - from the time he was small & in elementary school. He & his sister, Cindy, were 2 of the greatest kids you would ever want to meet. That was long before my sweet Joe came along. I started using AirFlo from the time Frank came on board. He was always honest, fair, & reasonable & always came out quickly whenever we called him. Thankfully, Joe is carrying on that tradition, for which we are grateful. We know you all are still grieving Grace's loss, & we know how that feels because our Mama/Wife were sick around the same time & passed away within weeks of each other. My family has been devastated by her loss & just can't cope with it yet, & I know you all feel the same about Grace. I hope God gives you all the strength to get through all this grief & heartache. I loved to see Frank's beautiful eyes sparkle when he talked. We will all truly miss him. So sorry we won't be able to attend the services, but please know that you are in our hearts & prayers. God Bless! RIP, sweet Frank.

Joe, Kathy & Joyce Lamonica (Rollins)

KATHY LAMONICA - May 02, 2024 at 02:09 PM