



Billy Glen Thomas

April 27, 1953 - November 18, 2020

On November 18, 2020 angels from heaven descended on Las Vegas, Nevada to escort Billy Glen Thomas into eternity. He's gone to see the King! Billy was born April 27, 1953 in Clinton, Oklahoma to William Floyd Thomas and Billie Joyce Booker.

He attended elementary school at Lincoln School in Altus and after integration, Wilson Elementary and Southeast Jr. High, where he participated in football, basketball and track. He continued track at Altus High School and became an outstanding quarter-mile runner. He graduated from Altus High School with the class of 1972.

Billy was gifted at a very early age with an ear for singing and playing the piano without music lessons. He grew up playing for the youth choirs at New Hope Baptist Church and later the adult choirs. Music was his first love and he continued pursuing a music career the rest of his life.

After high school, Billy Glen joined the United States Navy where he continued with his music career. Being a musician afforded him the opportunity to play all around the United States with different bands and churches. He never met a stranger, therefore he was able to talk his way into singing at many church events and sit in with various bands.

Billy met and married his loving wife on July 2, 1983 in Las Vegas, Nevada and later they renewed their vows on February 4, 2005.

When Billy relocated to Las Vegas, he helped a good friend, Ernest Johnson, with his quartet group known as The Gospel Soul Train Singers. Billy, along

with many others carried on the group after the transitioning of Ernest. He joined with Brotherly Love and many other groups that he could sing and play with. Billy met Pastor G.L. Turner at one of those Sunday night musicals, and became a member and Minister of Music for the Holy Cross MBC. They later merged with Holy Cross Solid Rock MBC, and Billy served as an active member and Minister of Music until his health declined.

Preceding him in death: Grandparents, Percy and Ophelia Thomas, Walter and Claudia Booker; Mother, Billie Joyce Booker-Hardy; Sister, Tonya McPeak; Brother, Bennie Atkinson; Son, Billy Hill, Jr. of Port Smith, Virginia; Stepsons, Paul Carpenter and Kenneth Nash; Grandson, Micah Thomas of Oklahoma City, Ok.

Survivors include: Wife, Luretha Davis-Thomas of Las Vegas, Nevada; Daughters, Shakeeta Thomas, Bridgette Thomas of Oklahoma City, OK; Sons, Deon (LaCoya) of Dallas, Texas, Juann Vickers of Altus, OK; Stepson, Michael Cooper of Pasadena, CA; Stepdaughter, Kenya Thomas of Richmond,

CA; Father, William Thomas of Snyder, OK; Uncle, Danny Thomas of Amarillo, TX; Brothers, Caster (Eileen) Thomas of Chickasha, OK, Eddie Booker, of Lawton, OK, Michael Thomas, Kenneth (Janice) Thomas, Lynn (Gina) Atkinson of Snyder, OK, Richard (Annette) Atkinson of Hobart, OK, Coval (Meeka) Thomas of Lawton, OK; Sister, Patricia Brown of San Antonio, TX; 12 Grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, church family and too many friends to count.

Public viewing on Friday, November 4, 2020 at First Baptist Church, Chickasha

Public viewing on Saturday, November 5, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. til 1:00 at the Altus Cemetery.

Graveside service at 1:00 p.m.

Mask are required at all events

Cemetery Details

Altus Cemetery

Altus, OK 73521

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
102 E. Dakota
Chickasha, OK 73018

Viewing

DEC 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Altus Cemetery
Altus, OK 73521

Graveside

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

Altus Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

TT

“ Billy was such a talented guy. I had a band called Little Star for many years and we were lucky enough to have Billy join us playing keyboards and singing many times so I got a bunch of road time with Billy, it was never dull. I haven't seen Billy much the last few years but he made a lifelong impression on me and he will be missed.

Timmy Tims - December 05, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Brown Thomas Funeral Home - December 05, 2020 at 12:28 AM

RS

“ Although there have been many years in between, my early life was closely intertwined with the Booker Family and many fond memories. Billy Glen was always a kind and gentle presence with a warm smile and welcome. His singing was much enjoyed as well as his love for music. It is heartening to know that he continued leading a full and happy life bringing encouragement to those around him. May his family and friends be comforted by their memories and the joy that he found in a life well-lived. Robbie (Roberts) Steward

Robbie Steward - December 04, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Billy Glen Thomas.*



December 04, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Brown Thomas Funeral Home - December 04, 2020 at 10:08 AM

CW

Very Talented Billy Thomas sorry to hear of his passing, Prayers for all the family.

Carl Ann Ballard Ward - December 16, 2020 at 02:42 PM

SW

“ *My friend Billy Thomas brother I'm I'm still hurting your gone. I have years of memory of me and u laughing 😊 and writing music in the recording studio Mis you my friend see you in heaven sing Walk around heaven all day*



silas washington - December 04, 2020 at 09:58 AM

LC

“ *My most heartfelt condolences to all the Thomas family. Rest in peace with your precious grandmother. Lisa Garnett Chiono*

Lisa Garnett Chiono - December 03, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy Glen Thomas.*



December 03, 2020 at 09:26 PM

MA

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Thomas family.*

Marie(Rita)Williams - November 27, 2020 at 01:28 PM

CH

“ *To The Thomas Family; May you all be comforted in knowing your grief is shared. You all are being lifted up in prayer.*

Cheryl Herron - November 23, 2020 at 09:17 AM

DR

“ Oh Happy Days describes the memories I have of you. We go back so many wonderful years, had some good times, and times neither of us want to repeat. One I fondly remember was you teaching me how to shoot a basketball. I had just joined a basketball team for the first time in the 6th grade and we got destroyed in our first game. I watched one of your games and I don't think you missed a shot. You said, "Donald Dean, all you got to do is shoot the ball and it will start going in." I shot and missed, shot and missed, shot and missed and then I shot and hit, after that kept shooting and hitting. Thanks, my brother. Oh Happy Days, you will be missed. Steady Love. D. Dean Riley

Donald D Riley - November 20, 2020 at 09:44 AM

VS

May the lord bless this family yall keep your head up .look unto the hills for where your help comes .this is a shock .billy Glenn could sing and play anything
Sang like an angel. Yes he will be missed but never forgotten .to his family we are sorry this has happen but God knew it was time to call him home.for his children deep down he really did love all of you.juan hold your head up.hes not in no more pain .hes crossed over.may God give you peace amen

Virginia Vickers white sr. - December 01, 2020 at 01:38 AM

DA

Sitting on my grandmother's back porch listening to you play and sing was awesome. Hearing the band you play with play at the old Coconut club was awesome. But when you where playing that organ in New hope sing somewhere around Gods throne and praising God was you at your musical best. Love you brother see you around Gods throne.

Daledonnell - December 04, 2020 at 11:08 AM

AB

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the Family. Mr. Billy Glenn was a kind, funny, very talented person, it was a blessing too be in his presence. Mr. Casta an Mrs. Eileen may God Bless you and your family with the Comfort and Peace you need today and the days ahead. Rest in Peace Mr. Billy*



Angelia Blunt - November 19, 2020 at 05:47 PM

VS

Well Billy Glenn you rest in peace.its over with the pain .family look unto the hills from your help comes.you will be missed not forgotten.your songs want be forgotten.enjoyed singing and clowning with you.juan will be fine.may the lord bless the family and give the peace that you need.I'll miss you my friend .want never forget you God bless and prayers going up.

Virginia Vickers white sr. - December 01, 2020 at 01:53 AM

MI

Sending prayer to this family...

Monica Irby - December 03, 2020 at 09:16 PM

JB

I played with him in a band called " Q-Sky" in the late 70's. We called him Bootsy. Finest singer I ever worked with. I was dating my future wife and she says she was unsure who she was dating sometimes. We were almost unseperable. I am sad. Part of my life.

Jay Bryant - May 20, 2021 at 06:15 PM