



MR BENJAMIN EARL THOMAS, SR

March 2, 1923 - March 27, 2020

Benjamin Earl Thomas, Sr. (Age 97)

Entered into eternal rest on Friday, March 27, 2020. A District of Columbia resident for over 80 years, was affectionately known as “The Mayor” due to his years-long service as a neighborhood and community activist. He served as President of the Benning Ridge Civic Association, Vice-Chair of the Far Southeast Council and Chair of the Sixth District Citizen Advisory Council. He also served as elected Delegate to the 1980 White House Conference on Aging and Families and is best known for his 18-year tenure as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner on Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)7E.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his devoted wife of 66 years, Odessa R. Thomas, sisters Gloria Jean Winn (David) and Margaret Johnson, daughter Jacquelyn Dance, sons Benjamin Earl Thomas, Jr.(Viola), Wayne K. Thomas (Shirley), and Brian J. Thomas (Michelle). He is also survived by grandchildren Bennita Rollerson, Tyrita Thomas, Lawanne Craig, Crystal Holt, Lawrence Dance, III (Laura), Derrick Dance, Jamaal Thomas (Heidi), and Payton Thomas (Jamie), numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and a host of loving relatives and friends.

“The Mayor” will be missed by many. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment at Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Arrangements by Pope Funeral Homes.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of MR BENJAMIN EARL THOMAS, SR*



Pope Funeral Homes - April 06, 2020 at 11:09 AM

MB

Rest in Heaven cousin Ben, Such a Gentle Giant, love always!

marsha Bradshaw - April 06, 2020 at 05:16 PM

RT

Rest in Peace

Robin Davis Tillery - April 06, 2020 at 11:39 PM

EE

Journey well grandfather

Eric Ej - July 29, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ *MR BENJAMIN EARL THOMAS, SR*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *MR BENJAMIN EARL THOMAS, SR*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ Love and miss you, Dad. 🥺



Brian Thomas - September 27, 2020 at 07:43 PM

KR

“ Keeping Uncle Ben and all of you in my prayers. Holding you all in the light. Special hugs to Aunt Odessa.



*Hugs and love,
Karyn*

Karyn-Siobhan Robinson - April 07, 2020 at 09:51 AM

PH

“ Mr. Thomas was an amazing man. It was an honor to know him and speak with him.

Rev. Patricia Howard-Chittams

Patricia Howard-Chittams - April 06, 2020 at 11:54 AM

MB

“ Our family patriarch will be missed. In a family of Redskins fans, he stood by his Cowboys!



Monica Bradshaw - April 06, 2020 at 10:33 AM

JM

“ *Janice Myles lit a candle in memory of MR BENJAMIN EARL THOMAS, SR*



Janice Myles - April 05, 2020 at 08:32 AM

VM

“ *Praying for Mother Jackie Dance in the loss of her father. May he RIEP*



Valerie Murphy - April 04, 2020 at 04:53 PM

MH

“ *Michael Hill lit a candle in memory of MR BENJAMIN EARL THOMAS, SR*



Michael Hill - April 02, 2020 at 08:39 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss, Jesus Christ Loves Me, We Love You*



Thomas Widgeon - April 02, 2020 at 06:03 AM

JW

“ *Sending our deepest condolences from Joyce and family*



Joyce Wiseman - April 01, 2020 at 10:48 PM

LJ

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to the family. Lucretia(pee-wee) Johnson and family*



Lucretia Johnson - April 01, 2020 at 10:43 PM

GW

“ *Gloria Winn lit a candle in memory of MR BENJAMIN EARL THOMAS, SR*



gloria winn - March 31, 2020 at 10:56 AM