



RET CSM James Thomas

September 7, 1941 - November 16, 2023

Retired Command Sergeant Major James Thomas died at age 82 on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at Kindred Hospital in Tampa, Florida. He was born September 7, 1941, in Marion County, South Carolina. As a young man, he enlisted in the US Army. He served his country honorably.

During his time of service, he was awarded several medals, ribbons, and badges. These commendations include the following: Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, Overseas Service Ribbon (3), Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (9th Award), Expert Badge (Rifle), Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Parachutist Badge, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the NCO Professional Development Medal (4).

His military education consisted of Joint Operations Procedure III, First Sergeant Administration, First Sergeant Academy, Inspector General, and Senior Supply Sergeant Course. He was devoted to serving his country, excelling every step of the way to achieve the highest rank as an NCO in the US Army-Command Sergeant Major. He retired after 32 years of service.

He is survived by his son Jonathan V. Thomas, his daughters, Litasha M. Thomas, and Maritzel O. Ferguson, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild along with his brother, Donald Thomas and sister, Mary E. Thomas. Funeral

services will take place in Fayetteville at Colvin Funeral Home. The burial services will be at Sandhills Veterans Cemetery at Fort Liberty.

Cemetery Details

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery

8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Funeral

DEC 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Livestreaming

DEC 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Facebook: Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory-Fayetteville & Lumberton
<https://www.facebook.com/ColvinFuneralHomeCORP/>

Burial

DEC 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery
8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of RET CSM James Thomas



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - December 07, 2023 at 09:14 AM

SH

RIP my friend

Sefferena holder - December 07, 2023 at 02:25 PM

“ It saddens me to learn of the passing of CSM James Thomas. Surely, each of us remembers a mentor or soldier who played a pivotal role in our development, someone who encouraged our interest in soldiering, or influenced the direction of our spiritual and military career. This Sergeant Major of Color and man of God has been such a leader. He embodied all the virtues and long held memories we keep in our hearts for those leaders who always made time for the eager minds of soldiers. It is incredibly difficult to attempt to capture the impact of a person's life in a few paragraphs, especially when that person lived the kind of life. However, God saw him getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around you and whispered come to me. On November 16, 2023, at the age of 82 God called him home and said it's not far, just close by – Jesus is the Door. You remind us, Lord, through Solomon that to everything there is a season. We thank You for the earthly life You gave to this sergeant major and for the blessing during the sojourn here on the earth. We most especially thank You for the new life You granted this sergeant major in Jesus Christ. He broke the bonds of death by His resurrection. We rejoice at the hope of being reunited with him in the resurrection of all flesh. The NCO Corps thanks him for his selfless service act and his willingness to defend of America and all that we hold sacred.

CSM (Ret) Harold Hunt Sr.
USASMA Class 16
Author, "100 Sergeants Major of Color"
SGM (Ret) Harold L. Hunt Jr.
USASMA Class 55
CSM (Ret) Shirley A. Hunt
USASMA Class 53
& the entire Hunt family

CSM (Ret) Harold Hunt - December 27, 2023 at 06:25 PM

RB

“ *He was an uncle and friend and he will dearly be missed!* ”



Robert Brown - December 05, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of RET CSM James Thomas.* ”



December 04, 2023 at 05:42 PM

WM

“ Remembering Uncle James

*“Ye see then how that by works a man is justified,
and not by faith only” (James 2:24)*

*Your legacy will remain forever.
Never will anyone forget your loving actions,
We will always remember those things
that made you so great!*

*Great Soldiers will eternally live
In the heart of nations and their families,
Your good deeds remain as a testament to lives
It touched and made harmony the way to agree.*

*Your love for family and good ways
Will always guide our actions
Like the sunlight that stays
Giving energy to everyone with grace in that nation.*

*That mission you accomplished
As the greatest Godly soldier ever loved!*

By: Winston Malcolm, Author

Winston and Lydia Malcolm - December 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
RET CSM James Thomas.



December 03, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of RET CSM James Thomas.*



November 30, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *James "Brother, Blond" Thomas is my first cousin once removed on my daddy's side and also my second cousin once removed. We were not only cousins, but friends and running partners. I will always remember the trips from Spring Branch to Marion on his bus. Sleep on my brother and take your well deserved rest.*

WILLIE RAYFIELD JOHNSON - November 23, 2023 at 11:38 AM