



## Robert Earl Thomas Jr.

November 14, 1963 - January 24, 2021

Departed this life in Annapolis, Maryland on January 24, 2021. Robert is survived by his loving life partner, Patricia Finney, children, Kweisi (Kasatchi) and Sequoia Thomas, granddaughter, Kirin, parents, Robert and Sallie Thomas, brother and sister-in-law, Rodney and Evalena Thomas and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving friends. Robert's service will be held virtually, on Monday, February 1st at 11am. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to: Autoimmune Info - American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association ([aarda.org](http://aarda.org))

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road  
Brentwood, MD 20722

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - The District of Columbia  
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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Robert Earl Thomas Jr.,  
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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - January 27, 2021 at 07:44 PM



*To lose a lifelong friend is powerful indeed. It is very sobering. It brings out a stream of emotions. It makes you look at time differently. From the deepest corners of my heart Robert will be missed.*

*Lawrence Veasley*

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**Lawrence Veasley** - January 30, 2021 at 09:02 AM

CH

*The Hall family sends our prayers to the Thomas family for the loss of your loving brother, father and son. May God grant you peace at this time.*

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**Casandra Hall** - January 31, 2021 at 05:15 PM

DH

*It is very difficult to put into words the impact that Robert had on my life. The way he pursued life is an inspiration to us all. Anytime I here a Smokey Robinson song I will think of you and smile. You will be missed but never forgotten much love to life long friend.*

*Damion Hawkins. D*

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**Damion Hawkins** - February 03, 2021 at 03:19 PM

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*My Prayers and Condolence to the Family. Rob's smile and kindness will remain a treasured memory.*

*God's Blessings,*

*Aliceteen Mangum*

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**Aliceteen M Mangum** - February 04, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *Robert Earl Thomas Jr.*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

CA

“ *Robert...My BFF... you showed up in my life when I needed someone the most. We became best friends. We shared so much, late night talks and walks. We fussed, we laughed, I cried you watch and consoled. The friendship we share never ever faltered, never failed and now that you have gone from this world it lives still.*

*I still have the letter, I still sing the Smokey Robinson song. Oh, the memories. The azalea bushes you planted 16 years ago still bloom in my front yard. Yes, I cried but soon was laughing because I could hear you saying “Imma tell Momma” 😂😂😂 Then you would give me that smile and say You sad, don't be sad. So, I am not sad... we had no secrets, no regrets. We understood each other without saying a single word. Your journey is complete, your soul is at rest..... See you later BFF. ❤️*

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**Cassandra** - February 04, 2021 at 01:05 PM

AI

“ I am so very sorry about the loss of Rob. He was a wonderful cousin and an excellent role model--he was such a devoted husband, father, son, brother, cousin, and friend. I and my parents send heartfelt condolences, prayers, and love to his beloved Patty, his brother Rodney, and the rest of the Thomas/Moore family.

Aubrey Baden III - February 04, 2021 at 12:37 PM

JW

“ My Gethsemane Baptist Church family and I extend our most sincere condolences to Kweisi, Sequoia and the rest of the Thomas and Moore families in the passing of Robert who fought a good fight for many years. His kindness and generosity will never be forgotten. I recall the gentle spirit of his late mother Lillian who was such a wonderful woman of God and example of a fine Christian lady, fiercely devoted to her family and strong, though petite in stature. Please know that your church family grieves with you. Weeping may endure for a night, but JOY comes in the morning. Keep faith and you will see him again.

Lovingly, Deaconess Janice Parker Watson  
Manor Park, Washington, DC



Janice Parker Watson - February 04, 2021 at 10:11 AM

GP

“ ■ “I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories.” —Leo Buscaglia

GP - February 04, 2021 at 08:46 AM

LW

“ I always shared with Bobby " you are the smartest person I know, and I work with judges and attorneys all day." Rest in peace.

Loretta Wright - February 03, 2021 at 08:32 PM

NT

“ I had the privilege and pleasure of knowing Robby for many years. He was a funny and kind man. He will be missed tremendously, but he is truly at peace now and doesn't suffer anymore!  
Peace & blessings,  
Nataly Thomas & Family

Nataly Thomas - February 03, 2021 at 06:31 PM

BP

“ To The Waller-Thomas Family: Please accept my sincerest sympathies on the passing of Robert. Looking at his photo I can see Lillian in his eyes. May you have comfort in your wonderful memories and may God give you Peace.  
To Brighter Moments,  
Beverly Brown Payne

Beverly Brown Payne - February 03, 2021 at 05:40 PM

CJ

“ Charles and Katie Cox Johnson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert Earl Thomas Jr..



Charles and Katie Cox Johnson - February 03, 2021 at 02:57 PM

CF

“ *Crowner family, Cyndy \* Calvin, Jr. (Baden friend) purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Robert Earl Thomas Jr..*



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**Crowner family, Cyndy \* Calvin, Jr. (Baden friend)** - February 03, 2021 at 09:49 AM

LM

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family of Robert Earl Thomas Jr.

*Robert and I were childhood friends and he was truly my "first love". When I received word about his passing ... it took the breathe out of me. I couldn't*

*help but to reflect back on all the laughs we shared together as teenagers. We shared a great deal of innocent laughter and Robert always had one of the biggest, nicest smiles I've ever seen.*

*What I most admire about Robert was that he was always "his own man" in a real good way. Robert was a loving, caring man who always had a strong head on his shoulders. Robert has always been a "SOLID" role model for me. Life has a tendency to knock you down at times but Robert was the type of friend who "ALWAYS" let you know he believed in you and would encourage you to get up, wipe yourself off and put your best your best foot forward.*

*I will forever be grateful to Robert because he was the friend who "SOWED" into me.*

*I bible says "to be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD .... so on that note my heart smiles. Rest in peace my friend until we see one another again.*

*Love Always,  
"Lonnie Monroe"*

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**Lonnie Monroe** - February 02, 2021 at 12:01 PM

JB

*Lonnie, I am so hurt, it was my intention to call him a few months ago when I didn't notice him on FB. Gone to soon, what a great guy.*

*Hang in there Lonnie.*

*JB*

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**james brown** - February 03, 2021 at 12:56 PM

JB

*Robert and I were friends since 1978. We both were Parliament fans, as well as Basketball partners. I used to stop by his office and talk about old times when he was able to make to the office. I am sad to hear about his past but I know he's in a better place. RIP Rob until we meet again!*

*James Brown*

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**james brown** - February 03, 2021 at 12:59 PM

LW

“ *Loretta Wright lit a candle in memory of Robert Earl Thomas Jr.*



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**Loretta Wright** - February 01, 2021 at 10:12 PM

AH

“ *The Holt and Hines family sends our love, support and peace in the mist of your loss. May God comfort you and keep you during this time which He has aloud. Robert and Sally (my cousins) We love you dearly and just know our prayers will continuously be with you and the rest of the family...*

*Love you dearly, Holt/Hines family*

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**Angela Holt** - February 01, 2021 at 12:25 PM

DJ

“ Rodney and Family,

*I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of your brother Robbie. I extend my deepest condolences to you and your family and pray that the love and care of those around you provide you comfort and peace. May the fond memories that you have of your brother sustain you in the days, weeks, months, and years to come. My prayers are extended to you and the entire Thomas family. I know he is rejoicing because he has met his Lord and Savior and has reunited with Lil and George. May Robbie's soul rest in peace.*

*Diane D. Jackson*

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**Diane F Jackson** - February 01, 2021 at 11:44 AM

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“ MY CONDOLENCES TO THE WALLER-THOMAS FAMILY.



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**Felandria Davis- Coles (Felee)** - January 31, 2021 at 10:42 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Earl Thomas Jr..



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January 31, 2021 at 05:35 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss.  
May God 🙏 keep u lifted in 🙏 .

Felandria Coles (Felee) - January 31, 2021 at 05:21 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Robert Earl Thomas Jr..



January 29, 2021 at 03:12 PM

DH

“ The Herbert Family sends our love, prayers  
and condolences to Rodney and the entire  
Thomas Family. There is no sorrow that God  
can't handle. May you find comfort in all the  
wonderful and precious memories that you all  
shared with Robbie and knowing that this is not the end. May the  
grace, love and comfort of our Lord and Savior fill your hearts. The  
Herbert Family!



Deana Herbert - January 29, 2021 at 09:23 AM

CW

The Willingham and Howell families are saddened and deeply sorry for the  
loss of  
Robert, Jr. We can only pray for inner peace and comfort as you travel  
this journey. Knowing he is now resting in peace, may God continue to  
carry the family in the palm of His hand. Remember, you are never  
alone.

Christal Willingham - January 31, 2021 at 12:49 AM

“ Rob and His Family Part 2 of 2

*Rob and Patty*

*Sometime in 2015, Rob met a new friend, Patricia “Patty” Finney, who was to play a central role in his life, from that time until his transition. Patty was from the Eastern Shore. After getting to know one another, they fell in love and were able to enjoy each other’s company despite his inability to make the long drive to Patty’s home. Patty drove over the bridge to see Rob! Lill knew Patty and approved of their friendship. When Rob faced health challenges, from 2015 on, Patty was Rob’s listener, advocate and helper. The two of them enjoyed watching television news programs, movies, comedy club performances; they collected coins, took short day trips, embarked on a cruise and listened to a variety of recorded music together.*

*On Friday, December 18, 2020, the Rev. Dr. Drummer by phone, united the two in Holy Matrimony, in the eyes of God, and Rob and Patty planned to complete forms required for their marriage to be legally recognized. Family members and friends witnessed their marriage vows by teleconference. Rob’s ensuing very serious illness and subsequent hospitalization prevented their ability to register their marriage as required by law. Sadly, he transitioned before the legal papers could be obtained.*

*During Rob’s spate of illness in spring, 2020, Patty gave up her home and found employment nearby Rob’s home. She wanted to be near enough to help care for him. Her love, attention and advocacy for him were superb. She was the angel God sent to walk beside him until the end. We, the family, thank you, Patty for your loving devotion and steadfastness. For many, many days, you spent the nights at the hospital, consulted with his physicians and nurses, and most importantly, encouraged Rob’s will to survive. We are in your eternal debt for the many ways you cared for him and brought happiness and light to his life at a very difficult time for him. We love you and thank you for your loving dedication. You were with him*

*when we, family members, were not there. We relied on you and trusted you. Rob deeply loved you and I'm sure, his spirit is with you now. May God shower you with blessings you for all you did for Rob and his family.*

*Rob's transition*

*The Lord bless you and keep you, Rob and hold you in the palm of his hand. We shall meet again. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.*

*Sentiments from Rob's Waller Uncle and Aunts:*

*Richard and Jean Waller*

*Jewel & LeCount Davis*

*Joyce & Aubrey Baden Jr.*

*Betty W. Gray*

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**Rodney Erik Thomas** - January 28, 2021 at 10:06 PM

“ Rob and His Family Part 1 of 2

*Rob and Rob's Family*

*Rob, our mother's second Waller grandson, was dearly loved by his family. He lived a life of personal integrity, humility and love for his nuclear and extended families. He was a son, brother, nephew, father, cousin and devoted friend we loved and for whom we had the highest regard. It was not easy for a young Black male to grow up in the 1960s-80s and remain unscarred by the societal evils of the day, but ROB DID. He worked ardently, and took responsibility for his family, business and for his choices.*

*What a wonderful gift and present he has been to our family. He was devoted to his children, Kweisi and Sequoia; parents: Lill, Robert Earl, George and Sallie; his grandmothers, brother, and all other kin. His kindness and charitable attitude extended to the generation that preceded and succeeded him. He never gave the family one moment's worry. A very intelligent youth and young man, he was always friendly, calm and caring. All the family was thrilled when Rob and Rodney were baptized at Gethsemane. He married and truly was delighted and felt blessed to be the father of Kweisi and Sequoia. Their needs, plans and goals were primary to him. He continued to be a very loving and generous father to them as long as he lived. Rob was especially considerate of his Mother, Lillian, who dubbed him "her father" as he called daily to check on her well-being beginning about 2014, after his stepfather, George, became ill. Rob did not complain about his own physical condition and its possible prognosis; he never lost heart.*

*Rob, the Businessman*

*After successfully working in other capacities, following his time at Norfolk State College, Rob decided to establish a landscaping business which he named Scrubnik Enterprises. An innovative and skilled businessman, Rob enjoyed the outdoors, and developed a profound interest in horticulture. He became knowledgeable about soil, plants, grasses, landscaping design and many ancillary topics.*

*Rob was creative and had an eye for beauty and design. His honesty, reliability, and desire for perfection in his workmanship as a landscaper won for him the loyalty of a great number of private and corporate customers, and in addition, government entities. Rob was highly professional; he gave customers the level and quality of service he himself would wish. He obtained computer software tools to plan help grow his business. Despite his illness, Rob continued to operate the enterprise, sometimes from his sickbed, by using a phone, his laptop computer and with the help of dedicated employees. Following his retirement, many former customers continued to request his services and were disappointed that he was unavailable to answer their pleas. For a while, when he was able, Rob was gratified to give landscaping work without charge to his church, Gethsemane Baptist.*

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**Rodney Erik Thomas** - January 28, 2021 at 10:03 PM

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



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**Thomas Widgeon** - January 26, 2021 at 12:24 PM

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*May God continue to keep and bless you and your family throughout this bereavement time.*

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**Sherry Savoy** - January 29, 2021 at 07:50 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - January 25, 2021 at 05:48 PM