



Tony A. Thomas

June 17, 2024

Tony Anthony Thomas, 66, of Lancaster, PA passed away on Monday, June 17, 2024. Born in Lancaster, PA he was the son of the late Thomas Cole and Esther Grisett.

Tony the “Strasburg Waver” will be remembered by his family and friends as a family man, he was all about the “T Brand”, and loved spending time with his grandchildren. He was an exceptional pool player, who accepted challenges from everyone.

Surviving Tony are his daughters, Sheldrene Thomas, Tynisha Thomas, and Angela Thomas, two sons; Anthony Thomas, and Laquan Thomas, four brothers; Randall “Popper” (Suzanne) Thomas, Thomas (Mae) Cole, Joseph “Boomy” (Dawn) Williams, and Daryl Thomas, and his sisters; Sheila Thomas, and Esther Thomas, nineteen grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Tony is preceded in death by his son; Antoine Thomas, three brothers; Jerome Thomas, William Stone, Waren Thomas, and his sister, Sondra Thomas.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Tony’s Celebration of Life at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 701 N. Lime Street, Lancaster on Friday, June 28,

2024, at 1:00 p.m. A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be held at a later date. Click the link to view the service:
<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a24065628736075>

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
701 N. Lime Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ I didn't know him or his name until it was too late! But I began to look for him everyday on my way home. I liked to give him two toots of my horn and a wave! He brightened my day!!



To his family, my sympathy for your loss and thanks for sharing your loved one with us!

God bless the family! Keep waving!!👊💕

john reinhart - June 26, 2024 at 08:15 PM

MI

“ My condolences to the family. I never met Tony but his simple wave and caring smile spoke many words. Thank you for reminding me to be stop and laugh, smile and say hello, it can be contagious. Rest in peace Mr. Tony, the world lost an amazing friend.

Minoaka - June 25, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Tony A. Thomas.



June 25, 2024 at 07:56 AM

TC

“ Thomas and Mae Cole planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tony A. Thomas.

Thomas and Mae Cole - June 25, 2024 at 07:56 AM

BO

“ I often would drive home from work in the afternoon and between Lincoln Highway and Strasburg Pike, I saw he would sit in the front yard and wave at every passing car. I wanted so much to wave back, but had to keep my hand on the steering wheel and follow the speed of the traffic in front and behind me. Once in a while, I stuck up the "peace" sign from my window. I wanted so much to tell him that what he was doing meant so much to me, and how grateful I was that he was kind in an otherwise unfriendly environment. My condolences to his family, and gratitude for his kindness and reminder that God's love is not dead. I hope he's able to see all the seeds he planted, from Heaven.

Bonnie O'Connor - June 25, 2024 at 01:47 AM

KT

“ My family and I enjoyed seeing Mr. Tony each time we drove by or coming from the car wash. His wave and smile went a long way. He will truly be missed ❤️🙏 My condolences to his family and friends. Blessings to all

Krisette Torres - June 23, 2024 at 11:28 PM

FR

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. Tony and his friend made people's days brighter every time they passed that corner. It became a thing, "Let's see if the guys are out waving today." I'm sure this brightened everybody's day, no matter their mood. Sleep in peace, Mr Thomas. We will continue your legacy down here while you start a new one with the beautiful angels surrounding you.

Felicia Reese - June 23, 2024 at 12:40 PM

RO

“ I am still trying to process Tony's passing... I will greatly miss his optimistic and friendly presence as I travel Strasburg Pike each day... gone, but NOT forgotten. My sincere condolences to Tony's family... he is greatly missed.

Roseanne - June 23, 2024 at 10:39 AM

CG

“ My deepest condolences to Tony's family. I cried so hard when I heard this devastating news. I drove past Tony every single day and always looked forward to sharing his big smile and heart waves.. I always made sure to make eye contact and vigorously wave back and honk.. No matter how rough my day could be he would always make me feel so much better! His pure kindness could brighten any day. I stopped today, to sign his poster and I will honk and wave every time I pass.. RIP dear one.. you'll always be remembered.

Connie Guy - June 23, 2024 at 01:13 AM

TM

“ To the family of Tony: Our Deepest Condolences to each one of you. Tony was a very respectful person since the very first day that I met him. Tony was a friend to my brothers. May his soul rest in peace! Prayers will continue to be lifted for the family! God Bless! Theresa (Henson) Mendez.

Theresa Mendez - June 22, 2024 at 10:02 PM

LC

“ I drove to work daily early mornings and after work seeing Tony and his friend wave daily.
I admired those waves and they made my day and waved back.
Sorry for your loss and sending my condolences. Prayers and thanks for showing what your KINDNESS meant. We need more of that in our daily lives/ world! Too much hatred'. Appreciate life.

God bless Gn Lisa

Lisa Ciccarelli - June 22, 2024 at 09:57 PM



“ When I heard about Tony it was like losing a friend even though I never met him. Living right off Millport Road, I had the occasion to pass Tony alot and always looked forward to seeing him and waving...rolling down my window in all seasons just to give him an extra big wave. He made me smile. Such a simple gesture meant so much to so many. I didn't know Tony's name before but now I will never forget it. Prayers and comfort to Tony's family. I'll still be waving to you Tony!!

Carol Germeyer - June 22, 2024 at 03:13 PM

DW

“ I waved at him every day heading home from work , he always brightened my day no matter how stressed I was . He will truly be missed .

diana weaver - June 21, 2024 at 09:01 PM

KR

“ He was such a valuable part of our community. A bright spot for all of us who drove the Strasburg Pike. We will miss him. He taught us that small acts of kindness can have a big impact.

Kristen - June 21, 2024 at 08:33 PM

EM

“ I started working in the city about a year ago and used to go straight at the light by Turkey Hill. After detours from roadwork, I made the left at the light to go around. I saw a man sitting outside waving to every single car that drove by. I thought what a wonderful, kind thing to do! I took that way everyday since then. While I never had the pleasure of meeting and talking with him, his waving and obvious cheerful outlook on life made my day each morning I drove by. To his family, my deepest sympathies. I will continue to wave as I drive by each morning. 🙌

Emily - June 21, 2024 at 07:21 PM

SA

“ Like many others, I have never personally spoken to this man but I can tell you he lit up my day every time he waved at me. I'd look for the two friends along the road that waved to us all along our hurried journeys and every time I saw them, I was reminded that there are good people out there. The smile on his face as he waved is one I won't forget. The world would be a much better place with more people like Tony. God Bless and my sincerest condolences. The people of Lancaster County will always remember you and miss you.

Sarah - June 21, 2024 at 05:47 PM

WI

“ I never spoke a single word with this man, and never even knew his name until today, but here I am sitting in my car crying my eyes out. Very few people in this world have the ability to be able to communicate and share the ideals that this world truly needs, but Tony could do it without even using words. He was the embodiment of unity for a world desperately in need of it. Thank you for waving at me my friend.

Will - June 21, 2024 at 03:11 PM

CG

“ I first met Tony when he would come in to visit his son at CV. He would walk down the sidewalk passing my office and wait until I looked out and then we would give each other a big wave. He was always pleasant. A couple of years later, I would see him again on Strasburg Pike! It was a pleasant way to end my commute from Mount Joy! Almost to my destination, he would put a smile on my face. The "little things" are sometimes the "big things." He made a difference to so many! My prayers continue to be with his family during this time of heartache. God bless each of you!

Cheryl Gaynor - June 21, 2024 at 02:22 PM

DA

“ Every time I saw him I beeped and waved. When I was having a bad day just his wave made my day way better. Going to miss him but I know he is still waving at us all. Be kind. Rip Tony and we will keep waving in your honor. Prayers to the family

dawn - June 21, 2024 at 02:11 PM

TL

My husband and I noticed Tony during Covid. What a bright light during a dark time! Tony exemplified simple acts of kindness. Who knew a simple wave and smile could have such a big impact? We will never forget that simple gesture that made so many of us smile. Thank you Tony for your kindness. You will not be forgotten. Love and prayers to your family and Friends.

tammy ludwig - June 24, 2024 at 08:09 AM