



Raymond Thomas III

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Events


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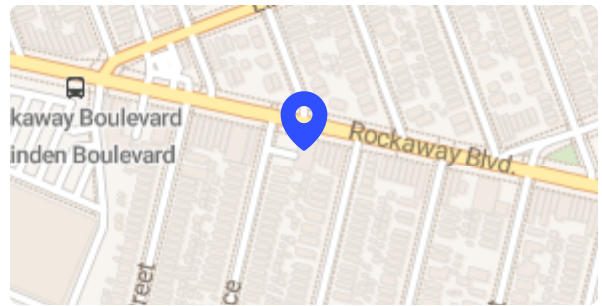
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Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, February 15, 2025

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Bergen Funeral Service - Rockaway Blvd**
114-30 Rockaway Blvd., South Ozone Park NY
11420





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NC

Natacha Colson lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

SIP Big Bro ❤️🙏🌹

February 15 at 7:27 PM



TA

Tamiko posted:

Remembering when I went to get tested to become a donor. I was elated to find out that I was a match. I didn't know what the process fully entailed, until the clinician informed me that I needed 2 clearances. When I went to get one of my results, I was informed that I had malignant polyps and was not able to donate. The rest of the Dr.s words became a blur. I was devastated. My therapist had asked me why was I so troubled. I wasn't thinking of myself. I was thinking of you. I told her "have you ever wanted someone to live more than you because you know they are what is needed in this world?" Ray you are perfect for Shawna, and a needed addition to our family. You are the embodiment of Peace. Being in your presence brings calm and light, that no matter what another is enduring, with you they felt ease. I will never use the word "was" because I know your light will continue to shine over us all. INNA LILLAHI WA INNA ILAYHI RAJI'UN إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ To Allah we verily belong and to Allah we will verily return, As-salamu alaykum Cousin!

February 15 at 2:22 PM

LA

Lav posted:

RIP Ray, you will be missed! ❤️😭 My sincere condolences to the Thomas family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏

February 15 at 2:02 PM

SW

Shaneiqua Williams posted:

I'm going to miss your post and you picking at me. It was truly an honor to know you and to witness the love you showed to your family and friends. I'll miss laughing with you.

February 15 at 1:02 PM



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Tanesha Griffin posted:

Ray...There are absolutely no words....You have always treated me like your blood sister since were little kids. You always checked on me since moving out of New York, when you heard something crazy going on in Texas you right on the phone checking. If I needed anything and I called, you were right there. I love you always for that. This is truly the true meaning of #130 4Lyfe. You will be missed beyond measures.

February 15 at 7:30 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Thomas III family.



February 15 at 7:10 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Raymond.



February 15 at 7:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thomas III family.



February 15 at 6:33 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Raymond.



February 15 at 6:33 AM



Gerri Sainté posted:

Dear Ray Ray Thank you for being such a sincere supportive big brother. It's rare to meet a co worker that becomes a true friend! I will never forget your support and I know I'm one of countless people you helped throughout your life. Rest well brother. Shawna we got you for life ❤️ Gerri

February 14 at 11:35 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thomas III family.

February 14 at 11:31 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Raymond.

February 14 at 11:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Thomas III family.

February 14 at 9:27 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Raymond.

February 14 at 9:27 AM



Malika sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Thomas III family.

February 14 at 9:07 AM



Malika planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Raymond.

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Keisha Jenkins posted:

My condolences to you and your family Ray was a dear childhood friend in S.I. 🙏

February 14 at 3:50 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thomas III family.



February 14 at 2:29 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Raymond.



February 14 at 2:29 AM



Tisha & Jewel lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

We Love you Ray Will definitely Miss you ❤️ Love Tisha & Jewel



February 13 at 2:37 PM



From, The Crosby Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thomas III family.



February 13 at 7:20 AM



Lulu Booker lit a candle in honor of Raymond.



February 12 at 7:39 AM



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Lulu Booker posted:

Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. Ray, you were the big brother I didn't know I needed in my life. I wish I had hugged you a little tighter the last time I saw you and told you how much you meant to me and my kids. I believe that some things didn't need to be said because they were understood. I knew that if I needed anything, you would be there, and if you needed anything, I'd be there as well. Thank you for being my big brother, matchmaker, confidant, and overall great friend. Your family became my family, and I love you for introducing me to my big sister, Shawna. Shawna, you were married to a man who was loved by all. You won't find anyone with a negative comment about Ray; we all love him. Losing Ray hurt everyone who knew and loved him. He was genuine and honest, and he will forever be in our hearts and minds. Love you Big Bro, Lulu

February 12 at 7:10 AM



Ro posted:

Ray was a big brother, he definitely believed in iron sharpens iron and being a fisher of men. Our conversations varied from topic to topic. At one point in my life I had some health issue and Ray always said if your good I'm good. His other sayings were "every things cooliente or what's good on your side. When I asked him how he was feeling immediately he would say "I'm Blessed, don't worry about me, as long as you are good!" Ray stayed in tune with me, always sent text messages of encouragement and love. Ray there are ew brothers like you who give us the strength that we need to face life's day to day challenges. As I think of you big bro I am proud!! After many battles faced some lost other victorious you stood strong More than a conqueror a man of faith. You are only allowed a few good friends, that's why Ray and I were brothers and I believe there are others who feel the same about Ray. I thank God for a genuine brother like you. Sleep in peace Ray! Love you Ro.

February 8 at 12:08 PM



Regina Baker-Cooper lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

My Dearest Shawna, I have always admired your spirit and though I did not get to know Ray personally I saw how tight you all were as a couple. I could tell you you shared a lot of laughs. Words cannot express the deep sympathy I feel for you during this tough time but I know you have your tribe. I know you have a great deal of inner strength as well. But most importantly, I know you have some of the greatest memories of a great man who made you happy, who was always there for you, and who of course, made you laugh



February 6 at 4:17 PM



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Drea posted:

I will ALWAYS remember my big bro, Ray!!! He was 1 of 1....no one like him!!!

February 6 at 1:27 PM



Kim Griffin-Anderson lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

Dear Shawna and family, My heart goes out to you during this time of loss. Though I didn't personally know Ray, witnessing the love you shared through your posts was beautiful. He seemed so kind, joyful, and deeply cherished by everyone who knew him. May his spirit live on in your heart, and may your memories bring you strength and comfort. You are in my thoughts and prayers for peace and healing. With love and sympathy. Kim A.



February 6 at 10:30 AM



Charese Leverett posted:

My dear Ray Ray you were such a wonderful such an amazing person to so many people who loved and cared for you thanks for all the laughter and jokes and words of wisdom you are truly one of a kind may you sleep in peace

February 6 at 9:55 AM



Akilah posted:

Ray I still can't believe your gone. You touched so many people and it was truly a blessing to know you. You were a co-worker that turned into a friend and you will be truly missed. It's not the same without out you Ray-Ray. My deepest condolences to your wife and family. S.I.P 🤍🤍🤍🙏❤️

February 6 at 9:49 AM



Katrina posted:

My sincere condolences to your family . Grace and mercy for the journey they will take without u being physically here but spiritually covering them thru they grie.. I pray for yall strength thru this 🙏🤍🤍

February 6 at 7:58 AM



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CJ

Charles Jenkins posted:

Until God gave me a wife Ray was my better half. There was no one else in my life that I shared so much of myself with. Of all the people that I've ever known, no one else was as close to my heart and soul as you were. You are the greatest man that I know. Not even the distance over the last years of your life could ever change the fact that you are my brother and I will never forget what we shared in our life. I love you man. R.I.P

February 6 at 7:47 AM

SH

Shawna posted:

I Tried to Hold You....I tried to hold you, but you slipped through my grasp,Like a whisper in the wind, too fleeting to last.I fought against the tides, desperate to keep you near,But life had other plans, and now, you're not here.I couldn't stop the clock, no matter how hard I tried,I couldn't change the story, no matter how much I cried.The weight of what I couldn't do still sits within my soul,A reminder of love so deep, yet beyond my control.If love alone could build a bridge, you'd be right by my side,If love alone could heal the ache, I'd never have to hide.But now I carry your memory, a piece of you in me,An eternal bond that time nor loss can ever set free.You are the quiet in the storm, the stillness in my day,The gentle nudge reminding me love never goes away.Though I couldn't save you, and the ache still remains,I'll honor your light, even through the pain.Grief doesn't ask permission, it just settles in our chest,But love gives us courage to find moments of rest.For in every tear that falls, your presence softly stays

February 6 at 6:07 AM

HA

Harold posted:

You will always be in our hearts, you was all we could ask for in a brother-in-law. Being in your company was always a pleasure. You knew how to live and embrace every moment. You touched so many lives with your caring, loving and peaceful nature. Grateful for you for always being there. Having you as a brother-in-law was like hitting the jackpot. Thank you for loving my sister the way you did. - Harold

February 5 at 4:52 PM



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TI

Tiffany posted:

You are the heart of our family and a pillar in the community. You always looked out for others, making sure they were cared for. Your raw, honest words had a way of cutting through the nonsense and setting people on the right path. I will deeply miss your presence, your comedy, and your compassion. Forever my big bro. Tiffany

February 5 at 4:45 PM

CO

Cortney posted:

Ray's life was a testament to kindness, humility, and strength. Ray was the embodiment of loyalty, support, and protection. He was always there for others, quietly ensuring they were "good" without seeking attention. A man who cared deeply, he often checked in on my sons, the "young bulls," and never once did I hear him complain, no matter the struggle. Ray was rare—someone you don't come across often. I was blessed to have met him and call him my brother. Ray may no longer be with us physically, but his legacy will remain in the way he lived his life and in the love he gave so freely. Home team Cortney

February 5 at 4:43 PM

BR

Brad posted:

A Good Man
When I got the call that Ray had passed, I suspect I had the same reaction as most people who knew him. First, that empty feeling in your chest as you absorb the loss. Then, the thought "He is a good dude." It almost feels disrespectful to use the past tense – "He was a good dude" – just doesn't sound right. Finally, the sadness and empathy for Shawna and the family. As the news spread, the common response was "good dude, cool guy, solid dude, that's my guy." What better testament and definition of a person? Every time I saw him, we would chop it up. The last time I saw Ray, he shared some very supportive words which I greatly appreciated. And I have no doubt he's done that many times for many people. Ray had many ailments over the last few years. He was in and out of the hospital. I visited him a couple of times and he was always in good spirits – positive, hopeful, anxious to get back to work and take care of his family. He even had encouraging words for me then. The gift of being a good person is that you have a large support system of hope when you are suffering. So many of us hoped he would feel better, hoped the procedures were successful, hoped he could return to a normal, healthy life, hope for relief for Shawna and their family. The curse of being a good person is the widespread pain we all share now that he is gone. I am one of so many people who love the Hubbard family. So when Shawna met Ray, he instantly became a part of that love. A good man, who held his family down, who always had a kind or funny word to share even if he wasn't feeling his best, who reminded you that there is good in this world despite what's going on around us. That is how I choose to remember him, and I will miss him dearly.

February 5 at 4:41 PM



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QU

Quita posted:

I'm going to miss my friend. Ray was the type of man you always wanted in your corner. He had this warmth, this deep well of kindness that made you feel like you mattered, that your joys were his joys, and your struggles were his struggles. He was genuine to the core. No pretense. He showed up for people—not just physically, but emotionally as well. Ray, you'll always be with us—in every laugh, every kind act, and every moment of joy we experience. You lived a life worth celebrating, I honor you with the love and respect you so deeply earned. We're going to miss you like crazy, but I promise we'll carry you with us always. Rest easy, my friend. We'll take it from here. Love you always my dude!

Quita

February 5 at 4:39 PM

TH

Thulile posted:

There aren't enough words to describe what we have lost. Ray had an incredible impact on each and everyone of us that knew and loved him. I have known Ray since I was 13 or 14 and this was before cell phones and social media. Of course like many of us lost touch with people until technology became a part of our lives and I was so grateful because it allowed me to get back in touch with someone I considered a friend and family and it allowed me to become friends with the love of his life and better half. He was a beacon of light, laughter, kindness, realness and just all around amazing person. His humor, his words of encouragement and insight was everything to me. Because of life we didn't talk often but when we did, it was like no time had passed. We would do check ins with one another, whenever I would come home, we would try to see one another and I would send him random text messages to tell him I loved him because I wanted him to know how much he meant to me. I loved seeing the adventures him and Shawna would go on and the love they had for one another. I loved reading his posts about random things, the back and forth with him and Michelle would have me in stitches because they were hilarious and you could see the love between them. I will miss our political talks/texts, talks of foolishness and other things we talked about doing in the future. Rest well my dear friend, I love you and miss you

February 5 at 4:19 PM



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TI

Tia posted:

To Ray.. my Twin.. aka my brother, There are no words that can fully capture the depth of my pain as I say, "see you later" (cause it's NEVER goodbye) to someone who truly meant the world to me. I am still expecting you to walk through the door with that familiar smile and greeting for me "Wassup twin"? We used to talk and joke about any and everything. We possessed the same sense of humor and disdain for people, places, and things 😊. The level of joy and commiseration we went through in one conversation was mind boggling, but that was just us. Nonsensical foolishness at its finest and we loved every minute of it (though Shawna didn't care for our "foolywang" at all!). Through the highs and lows, laughter, and tears, you were ten toes down for me. Always moving with unwavering kindness and a heart full of love. I felt it, please understand that. Knowing you were in my corner meant there was at least one other person on this planet who would cosign on my "whatever". Your presence was a gift to everyone who encountered you, and I am forever grateful for the time we shared. We had twenty plus GOOD years in this life and while we anticipated so many more, my new reality is here and it's heavy. The silence you have left for me is deafening, but I will always cherish the time we had, and oh what a time we had. I would also like to publicly thank you for loving on my girl Shawna the way you did. She has been a solid constant in my life for over 34 years and the way you made her feel was unmatched. The spontaneity, the attention, the love, the devotion, the caring.. you name it, you did it. I can go on and on, but I'll end it here. Though my heart aches tremendously, I find comfort in knowing that your spirit lives on in the love you gave, the joy you shared, and the countless lives you touched. You may be gone from the physical, but you will be in my heart forever. Rest in peace, Ray and travel easy knowing that your family is surrounded by true love. We have you the way you would have us. All in! Love always. Tia

February 4 at 5:52 AM

TA

Talisha posted:

Dear Big Brother , Since you've been gone things have been somewhat blurry, I just randomly go to your page and look at all the beautiful memories you have left behind , your life was full , full of love full of friends and full of family you are one of the blessed ones because your life is what I call the definition of being RICH , when empathy and love was needed you gave it a million times over , The core of you was unmatched the soul of you will be missed immensely , your work here physically may be done , but the workings of that beautiful spirit will be guiding us forever that I know , there's not enough words to explain how much you are missed goodbye for now big brother . We will love you forever !Love Talisha & Polite

February 4 at 7:41 PM



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KI

Kim posted:

Raymond A Man of Quality How can I begin to describe a man who was so loved by us all? This humble man was always there for us standing strong and tall. Even when he was not well he showed concern for others. We can all agree that Raymond Thomas was truly an amazingly good brother. When I received the news of your passing, so many emotions took over my soul. But I said to myself, let God's will be done because my friend achieved his goal. His main goal was giving his heart to every single person in his life. Especially to his true love, Shawna his dear and loving wife. I will miss you my friend and all the memories we shared. You were truly One of A Kind who cannot be compared. I will forever remember my friend as a Remarkable, Admirable, Youthful, Magnificent, Outstanding, Noble and Dedicated human being who showed us all a tremendous amount of love and compassion that will forever be in our hearts. May he rest in Eternal Peace. Kim Walker

February 4 at 7:39 PM

ST

Shawna Hubbard Thomas lit a candle in honor of Raymond.



February 4 at 5:52 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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