

## Wayne Edward Thomas

December 29, 1929 - March 20, 2021

### THE LEGACY OF WAYNE THOMAS.

(Lovingly submitted by his beloved family).

Wayne Edward Thomas, 91, of Travelers Rest, SC. went to be with the Lord on Saturday evening, March 20, 2021. He passed peacefully in his home.

Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, he was the son of the late Earnest Alpha Thomas and Mary Cumi Howard Thomas. Wayne is survived by his beloved wife of many years, Frankie Lee Thomas, and his children, Michael Wayne Thomas and Shari Dee Massey. He was blessed beyond measure with five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

There are not adequate words to express what he meant to his family. He was a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, great uncle, great great uncle, mentor, friend, and follower of Christ. His tenacious spirit lives on in both of his children and their respective families.

His love for life and people was evident in the multiple projects he worked on by himself, with family, and friends. The many talents he was given by God seemed limitless. From constructing, reconditioning, and painting automobiles, to manufacturing furniture, upholstery, building houses, and managing rental properties - his persistence knew no bounds.

He lived each day to the fullest. It was known by his entire family that there wasn't a project he couldn't do. With all of this God given talent, he was the most humble and compassionate man who took time to help others with their projects. His ability was seen early on as a teenager in high school. In Woodshop, most teens built Chess boards or cedar chests. But not Wayne - he would go on to receive an A for building a boat with a cabin at the age of sixteen.

He was a multi-gifted man with a work ethic rare to see. His standards were high, he challenged others, and he worked on three projects during the week of his heaven-bound home going.

His walk with the Lord can be captured by the phrase "By faith and not by sight." To know Wayne was to know joy, humor, zest for life, and especially love.

"He was a man of faith and we watched him grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. He grew in prayer and compassion for others. He loved his family. Prayed for his children, in-laws, grands, and great granddaughter, nieces, and nephews...all by name."

\* Frankie Lee Thomas, Wife

"Lately, others have noticed and pointed out that I say the same things he used to say. I've realized that about myself, too. I even find myself acting the very same way as my dad. All I can say to others is 'get used to it.' He left me with a sense of self worth, capability to conquer anything I set my mind to, compassion that ran deep, a heart shared for Jesus, and a bar set so high I'll die trying to reach it. See you later, dad."

\*Michael Wayne Thomas, Son

“My dad! What a man! Always loving, joyful, playful, serving, and present. A man of faith who prayed and worshipped the King of Kings and purposely lived the life of a Godly man. I couldn’t have been blessed with a better dad than him. And now he’s face to face worshipping our Lord and Savior. I rejoice in that for him. I will miss him always until we are side by side worshipping our King together. I look forward to that reunion. Always my daddy’s girl.”

\*Shari Dee Massey, Daughter

Wayne’s legacy lives on in his family:

Frankie Thomas, wife of 21 years

Michael and Rhonda Thomas, son and daughter-in-law

Grant and Brittany Thomas, grandson and wife

Kyle and Jennifer Thomas, grandson and wife

Katelyn Thomas, granddaughter

Lexie Thomas, daughter of Grant and great granddaughter of Wayne Thomas

Shari and Larry Massey, daughter and son-in-law

Natalie Massey granddaughter

Tiffany and Jonathan Anderson, granddaughter and husband

Services will be privately held by the family.

\* The Thomas family respectfully requests that no floral tributes be sent. If you desire to send a tribute, they respectfully request a donation to be made to the EI School of Biblical Training. [Www.eibibleschool.org](http://Www.eibibleschool.org) \*

# Cemetery Details

## **Woodlawn Memorial Park**

1901 Wade Hampton Blvd  
Greenville, SC 29609

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wayne Edward Thomas*

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November 28, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ ❤️ *Family* ❤️  
*back: Mike & Shari*  
*front: Wayne & Frankie*



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**Shari Massey** - April 03, 2021 at 09:08 PM

TA

“There are numerous mentions in scripture about the Lord measuring our days. The days of my papa were 33,319.

“What’s your favorite memory of him?” I’ve been asked this so many times.

I don’t know if I can pick just one. There are too many to write down, too many to pick from. He built me a sled on the day it snowed, he taught me how to sew, he would always say “now here’s what you’re gonna do” when explaining a project.

So how can I pick one memory when my entire life is filled with them? It doesn’t seem to do him justice.

But for the past couple weeks I keep remembering one of the last things he told me at a visit a couple weeks back: “I’m so proud of you.”

His legacy lives on in my mom’s smile, my dad’s “can do” attitude, my sister’s tenacity, my Oma’s laughter, and in my fierce determination.

He lives in all of our hearts forever.  
That’s my favorite memory.

We miss you, papa. We always will.

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Tiffany Anderson - April 03, 2021 at 04:25 PM

GT

“ Love you Gramps, miss you and wish I could've seen you more. I am glad you were able to meet Brittany and Lexie and that's so awesome that Lexie could know her great grandfather.

*I loved when we went shooting when you came out to Cali it was a great memory and I know you are in a better place.*

*Love Grant*

*Love you Grampa! Brittany*



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grant thomas - April 03, 2021 at 12:55 PM

JT

“ First off I want to say I'm sorry , I know this is a loss that is felt deeply throughout this family...I feel honored and grateful for those few small moments I had with him... although few and far between he left a lasting imprint on me. He was there to celebrate mine and Kyle's marriage I even got to shake a leg with him on the dance floor ... I remember afterwards talking with my family about how much life he had in him... age wasnt going to slow him down ... I see soo much of him in my amazing dad in law and in my husband ....this intense purpose...they are all men who know the power of prayer, who stand in faith, who love their family and who never stop working lol even when they arent working ...they are still working...sometimes I swear they look for something broke just so they dont have to sit down lol but I love that because it's part of who their lineage... it's part of this amazing man we are speaking about on here. A few months ago when me and kyle decided to start our walk into IVF we knew we wanted to honor him in our child's name so we picked out a name specific so the middle name would be wayne. ..wish we wouldve told him...I hope more than his name is passed down into our children. We love yall and frankie and shari....I sent you both something in the mail..it should arrive at Shari's on thursday open carefully



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Jennifer Thomas - April 03, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ We all loved grandpa he was an amazing man in so many ways. I'm glad that I got to see him and learn from him and work on things with him and all though I wish I could have done more of that God had different plans. I know that he is up there looking down on us and waiting to see us all again. Until we meet again grandpa love you! We all love you to Frankie you and my grandpa were the perfect couple.



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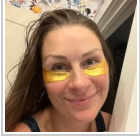
**Kyle Thomas** - April 03, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *My Uncle Wayne:*  
*Couldn't have been any more of a father to me. His home was my home, he loved me as his own. I learned so much by just watching him. He was patient and kind. Always available to help, which he did often. When Uncle Wayne hugged me I felt the greatest feeling of love and acceptance. I'll miss him but find comfort in knowing where he is.*

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**Mary** - April 03, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *The loss that has been experienced is enormous. Life will never be the same with out my grandpa. What he accomplished and did for other people in his 91 years just can't be matched! The wonderful gift of God pouring through him to bless other people was evident. Grandpa could do anything and was always ready to help. I thank God for calling him to himself and then calling him home to glory. God is good and will take care us and I have my hope of seeing him again soon. Papa, the 35 years I was able to know you was my greatest honor!! Thank you for giving all of yourself and loving people with every last part of you. I love you!* ”



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**Natalie Massey** - April 03, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *There are so many things I could write here. Wayne was a teacher: “Molly, here’s the best way to coil up a hose.” A fixer: “ let me put these new blinds up for you. They’re tricky.” An optimist: “I’m going to get that lawnmower running perfectly.” And a person who touched us all. I do miss him, but I carry him in my heart and memory every day. I believe he changed us all for the better just by his example of what we can be. Thank you, Wayne.* ”

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**Molly Kaplan** - March 28, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *Condolences to you guys from Diane and I. Wayne, like my own dad was part of the greatest generation in that he had impressive mechanical abilities that was old school. I always appreciated that from that age group. I know the pain of losing your parent but we can take comfort that he is where we all long to be, with the Lord in paradise or heaven. John 14:1-7*

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**Tracy Patrick** - March 27, 2021 at 09:43 AM