



## Leroy Reginald Thomas

April 6, 1931 - February 18, 2020

Leroy Reginald Thomas, of Nassau, Bahamas, was born on April 6, 1931. He was the son of late Herbert Richard Thomas and Drucilla Johnson Thomas. Baptized at birth and receiving his first communion at St. Joseph at the age of 5, he was a devout Roman Catholic.

Uncle Leroy, as he was known to family and close friends, received his formal education in Nassau, Bahamas. While living in the Bahamas, one of his occupations was an Orderly Trainee. He worked at the Bahamas General Hospital for six years, and graduated from that program as a qualified Orderly.

He became a resident of the United States at the age of 21, and joined the United States Army in 1952. While stationed in Japan, he became a citizen of the United States. When he returned from the Army he moved to Florida and worked as an orderly at Lantana General Hospital. He later decided to move to Baltimore, MD and stay with his brother Riley.

While in Baltimore, Leroy attended Morgan State College, receiving a degree in Sociology. After graduating from Morgan, he moved to New York and in 1967, he received his master's degree in Social Work from the Fordham School. He was a licensed social worker for twenty-five years, and he was a full-time employee of the United States Postal Service for twelve years.

While in New York, he fell in love with and married Ann Clark Thomas, making Roosevelt, NY his home for forty-four years. There, he and his family attended Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church. He moved to Salisbury, MD in 2017 after the death of his wife, to be close to family. While living in Salisbury, he attended St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. He was a diligent and hard worker, having worked since the age of 13, however he did not spend all of his life working. Outside of the Army, he traveled to many states in the U.S. including, but not limited to, South Carolina, Indiana and Minnesota. Leroy was a gardener, he loved fishing and anything outdoors, he was a generous giver to many charities and he was a loving husband and proud father. He peacefully departed this life on February 18, 2020.

Preceding him in death were his wife Ann Clark Thomas of thirty-four (34) years and his brothers, Arthur Ferguson, and Riley Thomas.

He will be lovingly remembered by his beloved, son Rodrick Thomas of Brooklyn, NY and Salisbury, MD.

#### Other Family:

Arthur Ferguson's daughters, Maude Richardson Wallop (deceased), Roketta (George) Taylor, Mary Lockwood (Oliver) and Blanch Hill; Reiley Thomas's daughter Toni and son, Martin Thomas of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Maude's children, Deborah Richardson (deceased) and her children Sophia and Devon of Salisbury, MD; Patrice and Tony Williams (Baltimore) and their children Jamal, and Jasmine; Boccaio and Cynthia Innis of Virginia Beach, and their children Deshion, Ian and Jay; Jennifer (Tony) Wallop-Walker (Salisbury, MD) and her Children Charles, Jr, Jeremy and Jordan; Vanessa Inniss-d'Arville, (England) and her children Russell and Sasha; Riley Thomas's son Martin Thomas of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Roketta's children, Eric & Alecia Land (Berlin, MD) and their children Blane, Garrett, Noah, David, Kyla and Destiny; Gary Taylor (Salisbury, MD) and his children,

Nashira and Kai'zayah; Tiffany Ballard-Taylor and Regina Blane-Taylor (Baltimore, MD) and their child Riona; Mary and Oliver Lockwood (Selbyville, Delaware) and children Joseph and Marco and Blanche Hills (Newark, Maryland) and children Lisa and Barnard.

He also leaves other relatives too numerous to name in the Bahamas and many friends including Jean Cyriaque, Conrad Pfeiffer, Diane Hay, Shannon and the staff at Yummy Asian.