



Mr. Larry Elliot Thomas

August 9, 1947 - May 2, 2018

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Born and raised in Seattle, WA and formerly of Cleveland, OH, Larry moved to be with family in Lawrenceville, GA when diagnosed with cancer in January 2015. We were blessed with Larry until he passed on May 2 at Gwinnett Medical Center in Lawrenceville. Special thanks to Gwinnett Fire Department, ER and Trauma Center Teams at Gwinnett Medical and his Oncologist - Dr. Mohan Krishnamachary for their care and support.

A former Boys Scout and graduate of Garfield High School in Seattle he joined the Navy, served in Puerto Rico and the Canal Zone (Panama) and later in the Naval Reserve on graduating college. Larry received his BA in Liberal Arts from Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA and later his Master's in Education Administration from Seattle University. As a child of the fifties and sixties, he was in the forefront of the civil rights movement as both his parents Lawrence and Celestine (nee Hodge) Thomas originally from Mississippi, who preceded him in death, were dedicated workers for and supportive of the movement. Larry's first working relationships were with job development assistance and social services agencies. He later moved on to opportunities in sales with Ford Motor Company and Honda and finally with the Internal Revenue Service as a Customer Service Agent.

An outdoor and camping enthusiast, Larry also liked to travel locally and internationally whenever possible. Overseas travel included Stockholm, Paris, Spain, Morocco, Haiti, Ecuador, Mon-treal, Ottawa and Vancouver plus multiple local spots in the Pacific Northwest. In recent years he was an enthusiast of the Sunday morning news shows rounding up the week's political activity and projections of its consequences at home and abroad. He also appreciated the comedic irreverence of some late night TV hosts. He will be missed for his mild manner, fair-mindedness, friendship, generosity and willingness to help people and causes.

Larry is survived by his wife of 36 years (Hilda Wilson-Thomas), his children - son Adam and fraternal twins Ileana and Christopher; son-in-law Milton Brown of Lawrenceville, GA; granddaughter Kayla (7) and grandson Kai (4); brother Gregory and sister-in-law Deborah of Seattle along with their children Byron, Danyelle and Joshua; brother Wayne of Houston, TX and sister-in-law Twila of Lithonia, GA and their children Lawrence and Terra of Lithonia and Kelly of Baton Rouge, LA.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Tribute Wall

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“ I looked for Larry for quite awhile when I would visit Seattle from Los Angeles. We attended Whitman College together for 2 years and were dearest friends. I had Sunday dinners with his wonderful, wonderful parents and little brothers. A gracious family and a fun and dear young man. I found you finally...yet too late.

Adrienne Black - February 03, 2022 at 11:37 AM

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“ Dear Thomas Family: Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May the love and support of family and friends comfort you greatly during this difficult time. The Bible also gives us comfort and hope to see our loved ones again right here on earth by means of the resurrection. “ There will be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous “ May you have peace as you think about this beautiful hope for the future.



Faye Ethridge - October 24, 2018 at 06:47 PM