



## Nathaniel Thurman III

March 31, 1954 - February 7, 2021

Nathaniel Thurman, III, 66, of Decatur, Georgia passed away Sunday, February 7th surrounded by loved ones after a hard fought battle with colon cancer.

Nathaniel was born on March 31st, 1954 to the late Nathaniel and Alma Thurman in Jackson, Butts County Georgia. He graduated in 1972 from Jackson High School, Jackson, Georgia, and continued his education by attending West Georgia College in Carrollton Georgia. He later served in the US Navy for twelve years, spending his service time in Baton Rouge Louisiana and San Francisco.

He married Delvida Haywood in 1982 and to this union one daughter, Starr Shelly was born.

Upon leaving the Navy, he worked several jobs including postal service, maintenance, and as a veteran ambassador for the Veteran Administration.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Starr Shelley, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, four sisters; Constance (Jimmy) Grier, of Decatur, Ga.; Betty Thurman, of McDonough, Ga.; Ernestine (Edward) Mack of Stone Mountain, Ga.; Monica Thurman, of Lithonia, Ga.; One brother; Gary (Sylvia) Thurman of Morrow, Georgia; three grandsons; Syihea Condell, Doryun Tyrell, and

Therron Derell; seven nephews, two nieces and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service Celebrating the Life of Mr. Thurman will be held at 3:00PM Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home. Attendance is by INVITATION only. Due to the COVID-19, a mask is required to enter the Chapel. Please extend your condolences here on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA 30034 (404) 241-5656

Please click here to watch the Live Stream <https://vimeo.com/512898589>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service (INVITATION ONLY)

FEB **20**. 3:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656  
[info@levettfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@levettfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

PA

“*First and foremost, my condolences to the Thurman family. “Nate” was a friend that left me with cherishing and everlasting memories. Thanks Nate for the zillion times bringing me home after high school basketball practice and games. Thanks for the many conversations were shared just over the last 5-6 years. Nate was a great cook in his latter years and had a desire to pursue his culinary talent. You will certainly be missed in the hearts of so many. We praise God for your journey and the path that crossed over affecting the journey of so many others. Rest In Peace my friend.*

*Patsy Arline, Jackson High Class of '73*

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**Patsy Arline** - February 22, 2021 at 09:57 PM

AW

“*So sorry to hear of Nat’s passing. He was a wonderful man and just the best high school and neighborhood buddy one could ever have. I’ll always recall his big laugh and positive outlook on life. With his older sisters leading the way, Nat never met a stranger and always had his “eyes on the prize.” He was the classiest guy and one we all looked up to in more ways than one. I will miss my Jackson buddy. We were classmates and friends from the first grade until graduation and beyond. He is now resting in the arms of the Jesus. He fought a good fight and will be fondly remembered. My sincerest condolences to the entire Thurman Family. Alfred Watkins, Jackson HS, Class of 1972.*

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**Alfred Watkins** - February 19, 2021 at 11:54 PM

BS

“ Dear Mrs. Delvida & Family,

*Please accept our sincere condolences in the loss of Mr. Thurman. We are keeping you and your family in prayer and sympathy. May your cherished memories offer you comfort and peace. And may God bless all of you.*

*Marquetta and the Family of Mrs. Cheeks  
Baton Rouge, LA*

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**Bern Sullivan** - February 18, 2021 at 08:17 PM

GA

“ To Delvida, Starr, and the Thurman Family,  
Nat is a dear friend and he is truly missed. It  
is with our heartfelt sympathy we extend  
condolences; Jesus wept and we do too.



*Praying for God powerful right hand and arm to hold you all. You are safe in His arms.*

*Strength, Peace, and Love,*

*Clyde and Gloria Adams Jr.  
Hazlehurst, MS*

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**Gloria Adams** - February 18, 2021 at 05:14 PM

DP

“ *Sonny and I were great friends. We laughed together all the time. He was a good friend and will be missed emencly. RIP my friend you deserve it. Whenever I think of you I will smile*



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**Debi Perkins** - February 17, 2021 at 05:28 PM

TF

*The Thurman & Barlow families go a long way back. Our parents, particularly our Mothers, were good friends. The children attended school together from elementary through high school. It is the shared kindred spirits like ours that serve to comfort each other when our hearts are sad from the passing of our loved ones. May the Thurman Family be comforted in knowing that we, the Barlow Family, are with them in payer & care in the passing of their beLoved brother, Nathaniel.*

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**The Barlow Family** - February 17, 2021 at 09:53 PM

LV

“ *Lisa Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Nathaniel Thurman III*



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**Lisa Vaughn** - February 17, 2021 at 04:36 PM

LV

“ I met Mr. Nat through Mrs. Connie his sister, when he joined our water aerobic classes. I did not know him long or even very well but what I did know about him was that he was a very kind man and that he was always kind to me. I admired him as I do all Veterans in that He carried himself like he'd been through some hard times, but nevertheless, he did not let that change his ability to extend his kindness even through a few words. It is my prayer that God will keep him and shower his family and friends who supported him through his difficult times with an abundance of peace and comfort. Father I pray that he will be remembered for the good heart that he certainly possessed through it all. God bless this family and remind them that weeping may endure for a night BUT JOY cometh in the Morning. Amen ✨

Sincerely,  
Lisa Vaughn

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**Lisa Vaughn** - February 17, 2021 at 04:35 PM

MT

“ Maria & Carmela Thurman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Nathaniel Thurman III.



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**Maria & Carmela Thurman** - February 17, 2021 at 04:33 PM