



## Thomas Edward Manning

July 17, 1951 - October 28, 2022

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022, after nearly a year of battle with the nefarious foe, named Cancer, THE LORD JESUS summoned HIS son, Thomas Edward Manning to come to His Eternal Home.

For Tom, “Home Is Where The ♥ Is”! Whether Hackensack, N. J. where He was born and raised, or Duluth, Georgia, his final residence - Home is where Tom’s ♥ was always.

Home in Hackensack meant growing up in a loving, structured, family, raised by his previously deceased Parents, Wells and Irene Manning, with his elder twin brothers, Lawrence (Larry) Manning (Sonja) and Wallace Manning (predeceased). They learned the importance of community, their role in it, and that the home is where it begins.

Education was a must! Thus, following graduation from Hackensack High School (New Jersey) in 1969, Tom completed his studies and graduated from Northeastern College (Colorado) and Pace University (New York). Tom excelled in basketball in both high school and college until unfortunate injuries interrupted what could have been a professional career. From his repertoire of special interests, Tom then focused on another sport — FISHING! Oradell Reservoir was one of his favorite New Jersey fishing spots. He and his fishing friends, known as the “Bassing Brothers” had many memorable fishing

experiences also in Nags Head, North Carolina Outer Banks.

Tom believed in finishing what he started. If he started a project, with precision, he addressed every detail. So, if you were his project, you could count on him to go all the way with you! That philosophy and persuasion would be evidenced by many of Tom's future ventures like his decision to wed his Wife of 47 years, Alfreda Taylor; where together, their love and family values, were applied in raising their Adored Daughter, Jacinta Manning. More joy would enter the home with the birth of their granddaughter, Jade Manning - Tom 's heartbeat.

The center of his heart was his love for the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Tom worshiped and faithfully served at his church home Highway Holiness Church Ministries of Hackensack, NJ. With sincere care and devotion, he served his Pastor Elaine Merritt. One of his favorite sayings was "What Would Jesus Do" WWJD?

Tom's professionalism was evidenced in his role as an Executive of Exxon Corporation. However, Entrepreneurship was his calling! Tom was ahead of his time as the Founder / Operator of a Full-Service Cosmetology Family Business, serving Hackensack and Vicinity. His Entrepreneurship also included Ownership/Partnership of a Music Corporation and Artist Management company. However, Tom had "Georgia on His Mind" and made it the next place he and his Wife Alfreda would call Home.

For Tom, Home in Georgia meant exploring the place, the people, and the food. Deciding on a fishing spot was primary, where he could take his boat and spend hours in his favorite sport. Throughout their "new" home, Tom's signature was displaying his love for family, music (jazz being his favorite), the Bible, and "yes" fishing!

After three years, Tom's home location would change one last time. JESUS CHRIST, whom Tom knew as LORD and SAVIOR, called, and Tom answered the call to come to his heavenly home.

We are comforted in knowing that our HUSBAND, FATHER, BROTHER, UNCLE, COUSIN, and FRIEND chose his destiny and made JESUS his LORD!

Farewell Tom! LEAVE THE LIGHT ON!

I Thessalonians 4:13-14

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Lovingly submitted

THE FAMILY

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ *Freda and family:*

*We send our sincere condolences to you and your family. We pray that you find comfort in the memories and love you shared with Tommy.*

*Sincerely, Randy and Bernadette Connell*

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**Randy & Bernadette Connell** - November 16, 2022 at 08:34 AM



“ *Footprints Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Manning.*



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November 09, 2022 at 12:04 AM

DL

“ *I just heard about Tom's passing. Such a nice man and a wonderful neighbor for 30+ years in Hackensack. He's with Scotty now hopefully chatting it up! You're in my thoughts and prayers Frieda. Sending love, Diane*

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**Diane Longo** - November 07, 2022 at 03:45 PM

DH

“ Dear Freda and Family,

🙏 May memories comfort you in this time of sorrow 🙏

Debbie Hickerson

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**Debbie Hickerson** - November 07, 2022 at 08:45 AM

DJ

“ To the Manning family, Our families have enjoy very intimate moments together. My Prayer for the Bereaved: God of love and mercy, embrace all those whose hearts today overflow with grief, and a great sense of loss. Grant them space to express their tears. Hold them close this time and the through the coming days. The Johnston Family sends their love to all!

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**Doris Pinckney Johnston** - November 07, 2022 at 06:15 AM

OT

“ Like all of our uncles in the family, Uncle Tommy was a “father figure” at times for me my brother and our cousins. His calming spirit and words of advice as well as support will always be carried inside my heart and mind. Love and miss you Unc 🙏❤️

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**Orlando Taylor** - November 03, 2022 at 08:14 PM

PL

My prayers go out to the family. May God continue to bless you all now and forever. My deepest condolences to Freda and the entire family. Love always, Patricia Lane.

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**Patricia Lane** - November 05, 2022 at 01:08 PM

FH

*Dear Family, You have my Deepest Condolences. One of the most even tempered men I Knew. He always made me feel welcomed. My heart is with you*

**Francine M Hudson-Elder** - November 05, 2022 at 05:20 PM



“ *Life simply doesn't prepare you for times like this and there are just some people who you just can't imagine doing life without! Uncle Tom is one of those people. Thank you Uncle Tommy for being such a gentle giant! You cared so deeply for your family and we felt it. One of my fondest memories is how you bought tickets for Jacinta, Janet, Alison & I to go the Jacksons Victory tour concert after we spent hours on hold with Z100 trying to win tickets and we're crushed because we hadn't. That was simply unforgettable and I have always been grateful! Thank you again, to you and Aunt Freda for always opening your home to our family and the amazing food that you always prepared! And thank you for encouraging me to be strong no matter what may have been going on in life. I love you and will forever miss you! I am praying for you Aunt Freda, Jacinta, Jade & the rest of the family!*

**Yolanda Kelley** - November 03, 2022 at 04:17 PM

RM

“ *Love you Unc. Thank you for your leadership and love!*

**Rasheed Merritt** - November 03, 2022 at 01:03 PM

SB

“ *Jacinta, know that you, Jade, your mom and family are in my heart and prayers during this difficult time. May God strengthen and keep you.*

**Sandra Bates** - November 03, 2022 at 11:56 AM

JT

“ Sweet Memories - Will Miss You Tom!!



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**Joann Taylor** - November 02, 2022 at 12:37 PM

DW

Tommy You Will Always Be InOur Hearts .. LOVE U Always ..Going 2  
Miss U 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏  
THE WALKERS

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**DEBORA,GREG and ALWAYS KARL WALKER** - November 02, 2022 at  
11:08 PM