



## Philip N. Thomas Jr.

August 17, 1947 - June 28, 2020

Philip Newell Thomas of Chestertown, MD, died on June 28, 2020, at Catonsville Commons. He was 72.

He was born on August 17, 1947 in PA, the son of the late Philip N. and Margaret Evelyn Hoagland Thomas.

Phil was a graduate from the Baltimore Culinary Arts College where he earned an Associate's Degree. He was married to Annie Rapant for 17 years. He later remarried in 1985 to Melissa Lynn Coleman, and they made their home in Rock Hall. He worked at Gratitude Marina for over 20 years, was a self-employed contractor, and was a chef, owning and operating Yarmouth Catering. Together with his wife he also owned and operated an antique store in Rock Hall called Cattail Collections.

Phil loved animals, playing Santa, and his children.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion in Rock Hall.

He is survived by a son, John Christopher Thomas; his wife, Cheryl of Baltimore, MD; a daughter, Emily Elizabeth Thomas of Chestertown, MD; three brothers, Steve Thomas of Rock Hall, MD, Dave Thomas of WV, and Stanley Thomas of WV. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Jasmine

Maitland and Shane Boyle. One son, the late Anthony "Tony" Thomas, predeceased him.

Services will be held on Tuesday, July 7, at 1:00 PM, at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call one hour prior (12-1). Interment will be held later in Wesley Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Animal Care Shelter for Kent County, P.O. Box 352, Chestertown, MD 21620.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUL 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam  
130 Speer Rd  
Chestertown , MD 21620

### Service

JUL 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam  
130 Speer Rd  
Chestertown , MD 21620

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - July 07, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - July 02, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ *Philip N. Thomas Jr.*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Philip N. Thomas Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Philip N. Thomas Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *God Bless Phil. One great man. Mark*



**mark mumford** - July 07, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ *To Melissa and Emily, Our family is so sorry for your loss. We remember the goats, birds and dogs and your happy home in Rock Hall. You're in our prayers. Teresa, Greg, Emily and Ellie Jetton*

**Teresa Jetton** - July 07, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ *Phil was a true animal lover and his peaceful personality made him an ideal farmer for handling all kinds of critters. I worry about his little dog, who was so dedicated. As was Melissa, Phil was great with handling my old horse Grady at Michael's farm. I'm so sorry for y'all's loss.*

*Dave Turner*

**David A. Turner** - July 07, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Philip N. Thomas Jr..*



July 06, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip N. Thomas Jr..*



July 05, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *Melissa and Emily I am so sorry for your loss. Your family has and always will be very special to me. Sending you prayers of comfort.*

**Becky Yoder** - July 05, 2020 at 12:39 PM



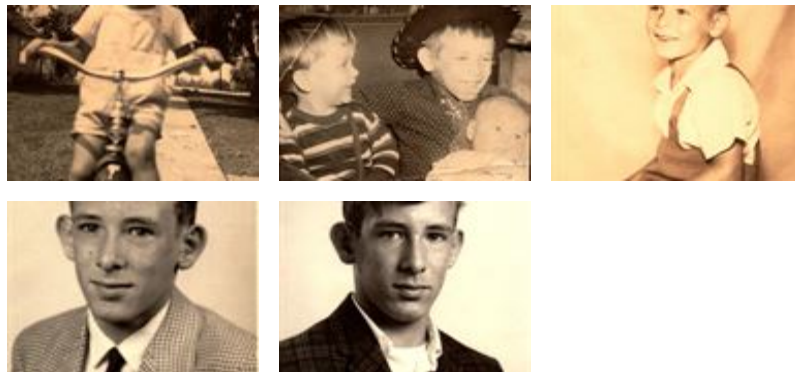
“ *Joyce Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



**Joyce Nicholson** - July 03, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ 32 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 02, 2020 at 02:35 PM



“ *Elsye Porter lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



Elsye Porter - July 02, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ *Donna Hubbard Edwards lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



Donna Hubbard Edwards - July 02, 2020 at 05:21 AM

DS

“ *Melissa, Emily and Chris,  
There aren't adequate words to ease your  
sorrow and pain in the loss of Phil. We are so  
sorry. Please know you're in our thoughts and  
prayers as we ask the Lord to give you  
strength, peace and comfort. We are here to help in any way.  
Much love and many hugs,  
Dave & Kathy Simmons*



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**Dave & Kathy Simmons** - July 01, 2020 at 11:42 PM

LD

“ *I will always remember all of the great times  
that you, Melissa and I had. You will be dearly  
missed. Rip my friend. Sending big hugs ❤️  
❤️ and prayers 🙏 to all*



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**Lydia Dagenais** - July 01, 2020 at 08:58 PM

LS

“ *Loretta And Jeff Sutton lit a candle in memory  
of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Loretta and Jeff Sutton** - July 01, 2020 at 05:22 PM

CK

“ *Cindy King lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Cindy King** - July 01, 2020 at 03:56 PM

SH

“ *SUE HAGUE lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**SUE HAGUE** - July 01, 2020 at 03:45 PM

RN

“ *Melissa and Emily, we are so sorry for your loss. The few times we met Phil he was so friendly and very likable man, and he loved you two so much. Em when he was at dance you could tell you were the light of his eye up on stage. We are thinking of you both. Prayers sent your way.*



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**Roxie Newsome** - July 01, 2020 at 03:22 PM

DN

“ *Diana Nichols lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Diana Nichols** - July 01, 2020 at 12:25 PM

RG

“ Rosie Gagalski lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.



Rosie Gagalski - July 01, 2020 at 12:23 PM

DD

“ Debbie Dalrymple lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.



Debbie Dalrymple - July 01, 2020 at 12:01 PM

TT

“ Trish And Eddie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.



Trish and Eddie Taylor - July 01, 2020 at 11:11 AM

BC

“ Barbara Coleman lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.



Barbara Coleman - July 01, 2020 at 11:10 AM

TF

“ *The John D. Edwards Family lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**The John D. Edwards Family** - July 01, 2020 at 10:39 AM

LU

“ *Laurie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Laurie Usilton** - July 01, 2020 at 10:17 AM

CM

“ *Carolyn & Henry Mitchell purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Philip N. Thomas Jr..*



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**Carolyn & Henry Mitchell** - July 01, 2020 at 09:54 AM

VR

“ *Valerie Reihl lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Valerie Reihl** - July 01, 2020 at 09:42 AM

ME

“ We extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Phil. He was a wonderful life force and will be fondly remembered.



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**Mark and Suzanne Einstein** - July 01, 2020 at 09:31 AM

AE

“ Will miss seeing that beautiful smile! Our heartfelt condolences to Melissa and Emily! Hugs and prayers of comfort and peace. Love you both! Andrea and Timmy



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**Andrea and Timmy Edwards** - July 01, 2020 at 09:05 AM

SS

“ Sharon Stafford lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.



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**Sharon Stafford** - July 01, 2020 at 08:48 AM

JM

“ So very sorry



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**Jennifer Morris** - July 01, 2020 at 08:36 AM

MT

“ *Melanie Trego lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Melanie Trego** - July 01, 2020 at 08:12 AM

JU

“ *Julie&Jamie lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Julie&Jamie** - July 01, 2020 at 07:05 AM

JY

“ *We know a true leader by their actions. I'll never forget when he was a chef and I was a young teen dishwasher.....I had pots and pans all the way down the hall one busy night. It was late and everyone went home....except Phil. He stayed with me and helped me clean those dishes. I'll never forget the lesson I got from that.. I'd have done anything for him after that. A truly good man*

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**Jay Yerkes** - July 01, 2020 at 06:54 AM

MF

“ *Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Marilyn Ford** - July 01, 2020 at 06:44 AM

BG

“ *Melissa,  
I am so deeply sorry for you and Emily's loss.i  
ask God to surround you with his angels to  
bring you peace and comfort during this  
somber time.Cherish the memories as I know  
you must have many.if there is anything I can do for you,please just  
call.with love,Betty Ann Glenn*



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**BettyAnn Glenn** - July 01, 2020 at 01:47 AM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Marie Usilton** - June 30, 2020 at 10:19 PM

EO

“ *Melissa sending my deepest condolences to  
you and Emily .*



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**Ellen O'Donnell-Anderson** - June 30, 2020 at 08:28 PM

LC

*Melissa, Chris, Stanley, Dave and all of the rest of your family - you have my sincerest condolences and I'm glad I knew him and got to be a part of your lives for the time I did. My prayers and thoughts are with you 🙏🙏🙏❤️*

Linda Conley - July 01, 2020 at 08:54 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



Connie fithian - June 30, 2020 at 07:48 PM

KM

“ *Kay McHenry lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



Kay McHenry - June 30, 2020 at 07:03 PM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



John M Larrimore - June 30, 2020 at 06:06 PM

JB

“ *Melissa I am so very sorry to hear this!  
Sending hugs girl!!!! Love ya*



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**Joyce Benton** - June 30, 2020 at 04:47 PM

LP

“ *Melissa, I am so sorry. Thoughts, prayers and  
love to you and your daughter*



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**lee phillips** - June 30, 2020 at 04:11 PM

RO

“ *RJ And Kristi Osborn lit a candle in memory  
of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**RJ and Kristi Osborn** - June 30, 2020 at 04:06 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in  
memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Max & Maryann Ruehrmund** - June 30, 2020 at 03:27 PM

MR

*Our heart-felt condolences - and hugs - to all of you.*

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**Max & Maryann Ruehrmund** - June 30, 2020 at 03:28 PM

KB

“ *Kaye Barnes lit a candle in memory of Philip N. Thomas Jr.*



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**Kaye Barnes** - June 30, 2020 at 02:38 PM