



## Mr. Raymond Thomas

December 3, 1944 - December 15, 2022

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Leonville, LA for Mr. Joseph Raymond Thomas, 78, who entered eternal rest on Thursday, December 15, 2022 in Opelousas General Health System surrounded by family, loved ones and friends,

Interment will be in the church cemetery. Father, Darren Eldridge will officiate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Raymond, “Zydeco Force’s” original drummer leaves to cherish his memory, his daughters, Wanda Gail Pulliam (Jameson) of Ladson, SC and Rhonda Thomas of Leonville, LA, a brother, Clyde Thomas of Leonville, LA, grandchildren: Jaylen Pulliam, Kendrick Pulliam, Aarron Pulliam all of Ladson, SC, Malachi Semien and Nyemia Crossley both of Leonville, LA and a host of other relatives and special friends.

Raymond was preceded in death by his wife Yola C. Thomas, parents, Preston and Louise Thomas, grandson Lorenzo Lastrapes, sisters Amanda Charles and Mary Bernice Thomas Roberts, brothers, Preston “Jack” Thomas and Wilton “Pine” Thomas.

The family requests visiting hours be observed on Saturday, December 31, 2022, from 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 817 E. South Street, 337.942.2037.

Share words of comfort with the family of J. Raymond Thomas on his permanent Life Tribute Page at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net).

Final arrangements entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **31**. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Williams Funeral Home - Opelousas  
817 East South St.  
Opelousas, LA 70571  
(337) 942-2037  
williamsfuneralhomes.1932@gmail.com  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
126 Church Rd  
Leonville, LA 70551

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Raymond Thomas*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *R.I.P*

**j.smith** - December 31, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy to the Thomas family. Mr. Thomas was a very nice man. We use to work together. May his soul RIP.*



**Charles Marks** - December 31, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ *Gloria Fuselier lit a candle in memory of Raymond Thomas*



**Gloria Fuselier** - December 30, 2022 at 07:45 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to the family*

**Sandra Smith** - December 29, 2022 at 10:18 AM

JJ

“ John Gradnigo lit a candle in memory of Raymond Thomas



John Gradnigo Jr. - December 27, 2022 at 05:07 PM

JJ

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John Gradnigo Jr. - December 27, 2022 at 05:06 PM

BG

“ Bridget Gradnigo lit a candle in memory of Raymond Thomas



Bridget Gradnigo - December 27, 2022 at 05:05 PM

SP

“ Sending My Condolences To The Thomas Family. 🕊️🙏🕊️ From Mr. and Mrs. John Pickney and Family



Shala Rene Pickney - December 24, 2022 at 09:39 PM

JD

“ *Mr. Thomas was a very good friend of mine. We would go out dancing and having fun together .He definitely will be miss. RIP. My family and I Prayers go out to the family, sorry for your lost..*

Joseph(Katt Daddy)Sam - December 22, 2022 at 03:09 PM

SP

“ *Sending Our Condolences To The Thomas Family  
From Cousin John Pickney and Family* 🕊️🙏  
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Shala Rene Pickney - December 20, 2022 at 10:28 PM

AS

“ *Allen Gradnigo Sr lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Raymond Thomas*



Allen Gradnigo Sr - December 20, 2022 at 11:34 AM

RM

“ *Rosalie Meullion lit a candle in memory of  
Raymond Thomas*



Rosalie Meullion - December 19, 2022 at 03:32 PM

MD

*Clyde, this is your cousin, Syble Douet, my deepest condolences to you and family, 🙏❤️ your feeling better soon. He's with our family now in HEAVEN. Hope to speak with you someday soon. GID BLESS you. I ❤️ Love you my cousin . Take care of yourself.*

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**Mary Syble Douet** - December 24, 2022 at 10:23 AM

MD

*GOD BLESS and keep you cousin Clyde Thomas*

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**Mary Syble Douet** - December 24, 2022 at 10:27 AM