



Mr. Thomas Charlie Patrick Ruffin

January 14, 1958 - February 18, 2014

His Journey:

Thomas Charlie Patrick Ruffin, affectionately known to family and friends as Thomas C. was born in Detroit, Michigan.

Thomas C. attended the Detroit Public Schools system graduating from Mackenzie High in 1976. He played an active role in R.O.T.C. At a young age Thomas enjoyed playing the piano, organ, drums and his most favored instrument the bass guitar. He played for the church band, The Musical Inspirationalists at Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ.

In 1977 Thomas began working for Ford Motor Company beginning a 16 year career. Eventually he transferred to Atlanta, Georgia until 1993 before returning to Detroit, Michigan.

Thomas C. loved watching sports, and football was his favorite. He always held high hopes for the Lions. "This is the year" he always said. He was happy to attend family gatherings where he could show off his skills in playing chess, bid whist and spades. Running a "Boston" and calling "check mate" were his highlights.

Thomas C. was called home Tuesday morning, February 18, 2014 after a long illness.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Feb. **21**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
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Family Hour

Saturday, Feb. **22**. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Saturday, Feb. **22**. 5:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas Charlie Patrick Ruffin*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Thomas C . was very special. His smile & his laugh were contagious. I will always remember him singing in the choir at church & spending time together as kids. Trips to Pt Pelee with Youth Unlimited & in everything we did he was front & center. I will always remember him fondly & with much love.*

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“ *I have known Thomas C. all my life, we were born two weeks apart, and grew up next door to each other. I will always remember Thomas C. as having a King size voice and a great smile. This is a little hard for me, because we were raised right together and I always considered myself one of his sisters, he was surrounded with nothing but females, but he never let us forget that he was the MAN. I'll miss seeing you Thomas C, but I will always have you in my heart. Myra Vaden*

Myra Vaden - February 20, 2014 at 05:07 PM