

# The Dash

by Linda Ellis

*"I read of a man that stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates inscribed on the tombstone from the beginning until the end. He first noted the date of birth and then spoke the sad passing date with tears. But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the years spent living here on Earth. And now only those who loved him know what the small line is really worth. So think about if there are things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged. Be less quick to anger and show appreciation even more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect and often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash of life might only last a little while."*

## Acknowledgements

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# Celebrating THE LIFE OF



## TERRAND THOMAS

May 22, 1961 - July 9, 2023

### Memorial Service

Friday, July 21, 2023

10:30am

Ross-Clayton Funeral Home

1412 Adams Avenue

Montgomery, AL 36104

# Obituary

**Terrand Delano Thomas** was born on May 22, 1961 in Montgomery, Alabama. He was one of three children of the late Cherry Lane Thomas and the late William Wallace Dowdy. He passed away surrounded by family at his home on July 9, 2023.

After graduating from Carver High School, Terrand enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina. He served honorably in the Marines learning life long skills to include leadership training. Terrand went on to successfully work in various positions from MBM Corporation and was eventually promoted to Supervisor. He later retired from the company after 25 years of devoted service. Listening to rhythm and blues while grilling outdoors was his favorite pastime second only to his love for fishing. During football season, both his friends and family well knew he'd be cheering for Alabama Crimson Tide win or lose. Terrand was reserved yet very giving, humble yet straightforward and will be dearly missed by all that have known and loved him. Reminding us in his final days that it's not a goodbye. Instead, "We'll see each other later".

Terrand is survived by his son Terence Terrand Stewart; Breeanna Hall whom he helped raised; two grandchildren; Alaina and Kiley; three sisters: Karen Reed, Robin Thomas, and Jocelyn Dowdy; two nieces: Bianca Thomas and Romera Fortunato (Brandon); one nephew Chase Dowdy; and a host of cousins and dearly devoted friends.



# Order of Service

Welcome Remarks

Pastor Jeffery L Watson

Musical Selection

"My Soul Has Been Anchored"

Curtis Chillous

Reflections

Virgil Murry

Eulogy

Pastor Jeffery L Watson

Honor Detail and Presentation

Honor Guards

Committal and Benediction

Pastor Jeffery L Watson

## Interment

Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Highway 119

Montevallo, AL 35115

## *Funeral Services Entrusted To:*

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