



Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr.

March 22, 1947 - February 9, 2025

The family respectfully request in lieu of flowers and green plants, contributions may be made in his memory to the Thomas E. Peterson, Jr. Scholarship at Alabama A&M University. Please send contributions to P. O. Box 2643; Opelika, AL 36803.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

1409 Monroe Avenue
Opelika, AL 36801

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Lie in state

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Thompson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
187 Columbus Parkway
Opelika, AL

Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Azzie Bryant Bell lit a candle in memory of Thomas Peterson*



Azzie Bryant Bell - March 06, 2025 at 02:29 PM

RG

“ *Ruth Giles-Summers lit a candle in memory of Thomas Peterson*



Ruth Giles-Summers - March 05, 2025 at 06:27 PM

LK

“ *Laura Kirkland lit a candle in memory of Thomas Peterson*



Laura Kirkland - February 19, 2025 at 12:27 PM

LK

“ *Laura Kirkland lit a candle in memory of Thomas Peterson*



Laura Kirkland - February 19, 2025 at 12:09 PM

TF

“ *The Peterson family has been a part of our family for as long as I can remember!! The warmth and kindness, the knowledge they share in helping families prepare to lay their loved ones to rest and the continued touch from them to assure you were handling the grief process...is just unmeasurable!!! Thank you!! The love you gave to this community over all these years, I hope you feel it coming back to you now. Ms Birdie, Tip...we love you as we loved Mr Thomas and we're here for you!! Our deepest condolences go out to your family. We pray for God's comfort to your hearts right now and we will continue to lift your family in our prayers. #gentlegiant #neverforgotten*
~The Pitts Family

The Pitts Family - February 16, 2025 at 03:05 AM

SE

“ *Rest in peace Mr Peterson u will be missed and remembered prayers and condolences to family.*



sherry evhoks - February 15, 2025 at 11:33 PM

PP

*Dearest Birdie,
Please accept our sincere love and and sympathy during this time of great loss!! Tommy was always a most caring, personable and professional gentleman.
“ Blessed are those that mourn for that shall be comforted”.
Matthew 5:4
In Sincere Sorrow,
Peggy Joann Pollard-Spencer
Patricia Pollard- Peterson
Jacksonville, Florida*

Peggy Pollard-Spencer - February 16, 2025 at 03:56 PM

GM

“ *Gregory Maddox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr.*



Gregory Maddox - February 15, 2025 at 01:23 AM

JJ

“ *Sincere Condolences to The Peterson Family. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you all. May The Joy of The Lord be Your Strength.*



Janice Jemison - February 14, 2025 at 11:29 PM

MW

“ *Mitchell And Adele Wilborn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr.*



Mitchell and Adele Wilborn - February 14, 2025 at 07:45 PM

EC

“ *We send our heartfelt condolences to the Peterson family. You have been a blessing to our family over the years. We pray for peace and strength in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*



Elease Carter and Darryl Carter - February 14, 2025 at 06:15 PM

AS

“❤️❤️❤️❤️ Pastor A. Shealey and the MTZBC
of Loachapoka sends our condolences
prayers and love



Anthony Shealey - February 14, 2025 at 02:45 PM

CW

“ REST WELL SIR!!



Christopher E. Wright - February 14, 2025 at 01:14 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to the family.
I am so sorry that I wasn't able to be at the
service.
I thank you so much for being there for my
family.
I can hear my grandmother the late Mrs. Ida Bell Scott, saying to me
gal we got to be there. My deepest apologies that I wasn't able to be
there.
My thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Thank you so much from my family Melody Scott.
Weeping may endure for a night.
But unspeakable joy comes in the morning.



Melody Scott - February 14, 2025 at 12:19 PM

LC

“ *Condolences, sympathy, prayers extended to the Peterson Family at this difficult time.*

Thank you for your services that you have provided to our family through the years.



Loretta Veasley Cook - February 14, 2025 at 11:05 AM

TF

“ *The Veasley Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr.*



The Veasley Family - February 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM

EI

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Peterson family from the Ingram family. Mr. Peterson has been know to our family most of our entire lives from Thompson Chapel AMEZ church. He was such a pleasant person to be around. Praying for the family.*

Ellen Ingram and the Ingram Family

Ellen Ingram - February 14, 2025 at 09:42 AM

MC

“ *Mickey Cosby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr.*



Mickey Cosby - February 14, 2025 at 08:48 AM

EM

“ We will always remember Thomas Peterson.
A kind and gentle soul. At every JW Darden Class Reunion,
Thomas always graciously allowed us to have the Memorable at the
Funeral Home for all those souls gone on before us. Now He's in
that number. He will be missed. Gone but never forgotten. Our
Prayers go out to the Peterson Family.

Emily R Mason - February 14, 2025 at 01:22 AM

GG

“ There is a bridge that takes us home and we
cannot walk around.
When we see God's outstretched hands, We
know we are homeward bound. We must not
grieve when loved ones leave, Only God
knows what is best. When our work on earth is done, we must cross
the bridge of rest.



*With Deepest Sympathy,
Gloria Giles & The Reese Family*

Gloria Giles - February 14, 2025 at 12:19 AM

UW

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the Peterson family. 🙏 From
Umekia and the entire Willis family.

Umekia Willis - February 13, 2025 at 10:32 PM

EF

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to the Peterson family and pray God blesses you with peace and strength during this difficult time.

*Eddie and Rebecca Flakes
Las Vegas NV*



Eddie and Rebecca Flakes - February 13, 2025 at 10:17 PM

LR

“ Our deepest condolences, from the Morris Family



Linda Morris Reese - February 13, 2025 at 07:48 PM

TF

“ The Torbert Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr.



The Torbert Family - February 13, 2025 at 07:08 PM

TF

“ The Torbert Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr.



The Torbert Family - February 13, 2025 at 06:54 PM

PD

“ To Mrs. Birdie and the Peterson family, I want to offer my sincerest condolences to you all. I appreciate all of your love and kindness shown to me personally and to my family during our time of bereavement. Words cannot adequately say how much it was appreciated. May God wrap His loving arms around you and family. Much love to you all.



Patricia Echols Dillard - February 13, 2025 at 06:42 PM

MJ

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family. I feel as though we're family because you have taken care of everyone on both sides of my family at our most lowest and vulnerable states. My prayers are with you always

Markita James-Smith - February 13, 2025 at 06:27 PM

RH

“ Mr. Peterson always gave me a smile and quietly went about the duties of caring for Thompson Chapel AME Zion Church. Rest on, dear servant of God.

Rev. Sylvia Hooker - February 13, 2025 at 02:37 PM

JF

“ Julia Rowell Finley and Family



Julia Finley - February 13, 2025 at 01:49 PM

RS

“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of our Dear Friend in Christ Thomas E. Peterson, Jr. I will never forget as a young teenager you invited me to be a part of you and Birdie Wedding and as an adult you still always had a calm and friendly personality.



We are praying for comfort and peace for the Peterson, Pollard Family during this difficult time. Please accept our deepest condolences. Reggie and Priscilla Strickland

Reggie Strickland - February 13, 2025 at 01:19 PM

RH

“ Ruth Annette Dowdell Heard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr.



Ruth Annette Dowdell Heard - February 13, 2025 at 01:00 PM

GM

“ Expressing my Sincere Condolences to the Family of Mr Thomas E. Peterson Jr. Mr Peterson was such a kind and gracious person My Prayers and Thoughts Are With You During Your Time of Bereavement Gregory Maddox

Gregory Maddox - February 13, 2025 at 11:55 AM

LB

“ Our sincere prayers goes out to the Peterson Family in their time of bereavement..Mr. Thomas Peterson was such a wonderful person to our family and the community.... The Battle and Calloway Family.



Linda Battle - February 13, 2025 at 11:41 AM

LC

“ Linda J Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr.



Linda J Carter - February 13, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SM

“ I remember Thomas from elementary, high school and adult life, he always had a friendly smile and warm greetings. His personality never changed, he was a man that made every person he mat feel comfortable in his presence. Thomas is gone but will be truly missed. My condolences to Birdie and the family, know that God make no mistakes and He is there to get you through this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏😊

Susie McKay - February 13, 2025 at 10:54 AM

SJ

“ My prayers are with the family of Mr. Peterson. May his legacy continue to thrive throughout the Opelika community and beyond. Well done Sir!

Sharon Gibson Jones - February 13, 2025 at 10:38 AM

MM

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to the family.
Ms. Jimmie Maddox & Family*



Ms. Jimmie Maddox - February 13, 2025 at 10:31 AM

PC

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Birdie Peterson and Family
during your time of bereavement. From the family of the late J.T.
and Marie Reynolds Cason.*

Prenenna Cason - February 13, 2025 at 07:15 AM

JJ

“ I can remember as a young child, my dad took me with him to see one of his relatives at the funeral home on the hill and that was my first encounter with Thomas Peterson. My dad always told me what a nice man he was and how his daddy put him in the funeral business. It was never a time I was in his presence that he was not smiling and displaying positive energy. I will never forget how he treated our family when daddy passed. His words of comfort, his professionalism, and extreme care for us was impeccable. Since daddy's passing, we have used the services of this great business. I am extremely grateful for how he respected everyone he encountered. My family will forever be indebted to Thomas for all the great things he did, not only for us, but many in our community. His smile and phenomenal personality will be missed, but his will forever live in his sons and all he touched. Birdie, may God give you the wisdom, strength, and courage to continue living a beautiful life. Tep, continue to shine and show your father's greatness as you continue to embody his life. Corey, may you live and continue to show up for your king. Thank you God for sharing Thomas with us and allowing him to be a legend in our community. Rest well, my friend.

Jerry L. Jackson - February 12, 2025 at 11:59 PM

BF

“ To the entire Peterson family you all have my deepest sympathy and also my entire family condolences. Thomas will be surely missed. My Dad and Mother always looked at him as another Son. He was truly a Son in Christ to them.

May you find comfort in knowing that he is resting with God.

Barbara Wilson Frazier and the Wilson Family



Barbara Frazier - February 12, 2025 at 10:41 PM

LD

So sorry for your loss praying for you and your family my sincere condolences 🙏 Lillie Dowdell and family

Lillie Dowdell - February 13, 2025 at 01:17 PM

FB

Sending prayers and my condolences for the family, y'all have been nothing but great friends to me and my family!💔💔💔💔

Frank Beasley - February 13, 2025 at 08:55 PM

LH

Sending prayers and my condolence out to the entire Peterson family. Thomas a kind and gentle soul thanks to you and the Peterson and William family for showing love to my family over the years.

Linda Rowland Hayes - February 14, 2025 at 04:35 PM

NW

My condolences to the family!

Nadine Whitaker - February 15, 2025 at 07:51 PM

TW

“ *Tanisha Williams lit a candle in memory of Thomas Peterson*



Tanisha Williams - February 12, 2025 at 10:38 PM

AR

“ *ADP Major Accounts - Alabama/NSL Region purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr..*



ADP Major Accounts - Alabama/NSL Region - February 12, 2025 at 10:05 PM

SJ

“ *Our Sincere Sympathy and Prayers to The Thomas Peterson Sr. Family. Memories with Thomas will forever live in your Hearts. Deacon Anderson and Deaconess Samantha Martin Johnson*

Samantha Martin Johnson - February 12, 2025 at 09:05 PM

CM

Our condolences to you and family on the passing of your loved one. May GOD's peace be with you. The Wilson/Moore family's of Alabama and Georgia.

Christina McCuin - February 13, 2025 at 07:09 PM

 Louis Peterson

“ *I was consistently reminded that I was his elder when it looked like we were going to get in trouble for our childhood adventures. I enjoyed the visits during my summer school days especially when Thomas had me drive the family car during a burial service. We know you are with us in spirit brother.*

Louis Peterson - February 12, 2025 at 06:14 PM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Thomas Peterson*



Mary Moore - February 12, 2025 at 01:39 PM

RH

“ *This hurts my Heart to hear of his passing, sending my Condolences and Sympathy the Family, Praying for your Family. Robert Heath*

Robert Heath - February 12, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr..*



February 12, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Peterson Family during this time of bereavement. He will truly be missed in the community. Rest in Peace. Earl Lowman, Jacksonville, Florida .*



Earl M Lowman - February 12, 2025 at 01:57 AM



“ *Praying for your healing Hudson Funeral Service GREENVILLE,ALABAMA Earlene Milner*



Earlene Milner - February 12, 2025 at 12:01 AM



“ *Sending loving thoughts and prayers to The Family. Mr. Peterson was a great Man, and his presence will be greatly missed.*

Tamikka Radford & Family 🙏💙



Tamikka Radford - February 11, 2025 at 11:35 PM

AC

“ To the Family of Mr.Peterson..Our hearts are with you..May God bring you strength and comfort during your time of bereavement..Mr. Thomas is more like family to me & my family.. With love & blessing from Adrienne Cannon & Family



Adrienne Cannon - February 11, 2025 at 11:47 AM

JP

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Peterson family,Mr. Peterson will truly be missed, he was such a kind and compassionate man in the community.



Jennifer Ann Palm - February 11, 2025 at 11:09 AM

JS

“ To the Peterson family and to my Classmate Thomasine Hicks,

I am deeply saddened to hear of Thomas's passing. He was a remarkable individual who touched the lives of many with his kindness and warmth. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the cherished memories you shared and the love that surrounds you.

With heartfelt condolences,

James W. Strickland



James Strickland - February 11, 2025 at 10:34 AM

JB

“ Send love and comfort to Peterson family. The Bandy's

Janet Bandy - February 11, 2025 at 08:42 AM

SY

“ My Deepest Condolences to your family 🙏



Sarah Young - February 11, 2025 at 08:05 AM

GM

“ Gwendolyn Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr.



Gwendolyn Mitchell - February 11, 2025 at 12:18 AM



“ No words can describe how sorry I am for your loss - my deepest condolences.



Ruby James - February 10, 2025 at 11:30 PM

GB

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of your husband praying for you and your family. Gwen Harris Brooks

Gwen Harris Brooks - February 10, 2025 at 08:42 PM

MB

“ *Mary Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas E. Peterson Jr.*



Mary Buchanan - February 10, 2025 at 08:21 PM

GS

“ *Condolences to each of you during your time of bereavement. Sending prayers for each of you. I will remember the kindness he showed towards our family over the years, as we experienced final arrangements for family members. That smile will be forever remembered*
Gwendolyn Williams Sanks

Gwendolyn Williams Sanks - February 10, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ *My Deepest condolences to the Peterson family*



Omar Vinson - February 10, 2025 at 08:13 PM

MT

“ As some people journey through life, they leave footprints wherever they go. Footprints of kindness and love, courage and compassion, humor and inspiration, joy and faith. Even when they're gone, we still look back and clearly see the trail they left behind, a trail bright with hope that invites us to follow.



Our most sincere love and condolences to the Peterson family.

Dorothy M. Flakes, Sireta E. Watkins & Muriel M. Thomas

Muriel M Thomas - February 10, 2025 at 08:01 PM

CE

“ Our Condolences To Peterson Family,He Was A Very Nice Person May The Lord Keep Your Family In His Care AS You Go Through This Difficult Time. Constance Tarver Echols&Family



Constance Echols - February 10, 2025 at 07:31 PM

CE

“ Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of Thomas Peterson



Constance Echols - February 10, 2025 at 07:10 PM

SF

“ This is a tremendous lost to the community, family and friends. We all loved you and the work you did for our deceased families. It was always done with a genuine smile and enabled us to feel much better during our times of bereavement. Thank you so much for your kindness. You will be thoroughly missed!!

Shirley T Core and Family - February 10, 2025 at 06:55 PM

SF

“ Shirley T Core and Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas Peterson



Shirley T Core and Family - February 10, 2025 at 06:44 PM

TF

“ So sorry for your loss. A beautiful angel spirit has gone home. Rest in God care Mr. Peterson. We are going to miss you in our community.



Thomas Family - February 10, 2025 at 04:33 PM

JF

“ Jackson and Durrell families lit a candle in memory of Thomas Peterson



Jackson and Durrell families - February 10, 2025 at 04:14 PM

JT

“ Condolences to the Peterson family from the Thomas family in Tappahannock, Va. We are very sorry for your loss. May Gods word comfort you during this time of grief....John 5:28,29

Johnny Thomas - February 10, 2025 at 04:08 PM

LE

“ Many memories of genuine and authentic services, prayers and condolences to a special family in our community.

Larry and Gwenetta Echols - February 10, 2025 at 02:34 PM

JM

“ Sending my deepest sympathy and condolences to the Peterson family. Praying for you all.

Jamillah McCray - February 10, 2025 at 10:24 AM

AD

“ I'll always remember Thomas' gracious smile and soft laughter whenever I was in his presence. The compassion and care he showed while assisting with the arrangements for my loved ones over the years was much appreciated. A "gentle giant" has gained his wings.



Angela Debrow-Alexander - February 10, 2025 at 10:11 AM

RW

“ You all have always been such wonderful pillars of the community. I remember the funeral home being in Auburn on White St. Never met you without a smile. Great service. I will be praying for you all.
Rhonda Wright

Rhonda Wright - February 10, 2025 at 09:31 AM

SP

“ *It was with great sadness.I learned the passing of my Father-in-Law Mr.Peterson. A good heart has stopped beating, a good soul ascended to heaven. In these difficult times,I want to offer my sincerest condolences to my family.Sending much love, prayers and hugs to you all.God welcomed home a Beautiful Angel that will forever live in our hearts.*



Sharon Peterson - February 10, 2025 at 08:47 AM

AP

Thomas was always a loving caring and compassionate person. I remember when my mother passed away he was so caring to me and my sister,Thomas will be well missed

Ann Palm - February 11, 2025 at 09:59 AM

ML

Love and prayers to the family on the passing of this gentle giant.His caring attitude will always be remembered as a sweet sweet spirit.

Maxine Lee - February 11, 2025 at 01:54 PM



To. My. Family. Sorry for your. Loss. May. The. Lord. God. Keep. This. Arms. Around. The. Peterson. Family. Minster. Williard. E. Lewis

Williard Lewis - February 11, 2025 at 03:39 PM

MT

Sorry for your loss they some great people they serve all ofy family on my daddy side of the family

Mary Todd - February 11, 2025 at 04:00 PM

CS

Hold on to the many fond memories of a compassionate and caring person.

Catherine Glaze Stakely - February 11, 2025 at 10:37 PM

JB

We will all miss you, but know that God called you home! We all appreciate your many years of serving the community with love! James and Mary Bryant

James and Mary Bryant - February 13, 2025 at 03:08 PM

JM

It was with great sadness when I learned of Thomas's passing. I remember him as a kind, gentle soul. He was a childhood neighbor. He will be missed. His loving spirit is free, flowing through the universe. I express my sympathy and condolence in the loss of your love one

Jean Maddox - February 14, 2025 at 02:45 PM