



**FAMILY EXPRESSIONS
FROM THE HEART**

To our Wonderful Grandson, Monte

Now the room will no longer echo with your laughter, but we know that we have a guardian angel in Heaven now named our Grandson! We will miss you Monte, and you will always be in our hearts.

Love Granny and Grandpa

Our Big Brother, Monte

We will miss you, Big Brother!! You are our Angel in Heaven now, and we will hold onto all of the memories that we have shared. We love you, and we will never forget you!

Forever in our hearts. Camille, Kayla, Kenzie.

To My First Born, and only Sonshine, Monte

Of all the special gifts in life however great or small, to have you as my only son was the absolute BEST of them all. Son, the day you left, and gained your wings my heart was broken in two. I wish you could have stayed, but Heaven needed you. I am so grateful to God that he chose me, and gave me the responsibility of being your mother. You are my special son, my special face, and my special smile. Monte, I will treasure, and hide our special memories deep in my heart for the rest of my life.

I miss you, and I love you so much, from Ma

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**DEMUNTAY
DEQUAN THOMAS**

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023
2:00 PM

MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

704 OLD US 1

MONCURE, NORTH CAROLINA

PASTOR GEORGE HEADEN, OFFICIATING

OBITUARY

DeMuntay DeQuan Thomas, affectionally known as “**Monte**” to his family, and friends was born on August 1, 1999 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC. He gained his wings with his loving family at his side on May 5, 2023 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC.

Monte joined Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Moncure NC at an early age, and he was christened/ baptized by Pastor George Headen. He was a member of the Youthlettes, and the Mt. Olive Male Chorus. He also played the drums, and assisted with the Sound Ministry.

Monte was educated through Chatham County Schools. He attended Pittsboro Primary, Pittsboro, NC, and Horton Middle School, Pittsboro, NC. He received his High School Diploma from Northwood High School, Pittsboro, NC in 2017. He was a member of My Brother’s Keeper Alliance launched by President Obama in February of 2014. My Brother’s Keeper initiative was to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and to ensure that all young people can reach their full potential.

As a youngster, **Monte** had a passion for sports. He was known to be the smallest player on the team, but had a heart of a Lion, and was ready to conquer the game. Monte played with several little league basketball teams growing up such as, Team One on One coached by his grandfather, Steven Thomas, Chatham County REC coached by Freda Alston, Harold Baldwin, and Tony Rodgers Sr, and an AAU team from Sanford, NC. As a teenager, he continued with the same passion for sports at Northwood High School where he played basketball as a point guard, and football as a cornerback for the

Northwood Chargers.

Monte was employed with the Governors Club in Chapel Hill, NC for two years where he worked as the Wellness Center Assistant Manager, and he was in charge of court maintenance. He was a dedicated hard worker, and he enjoyed his job!

Monte was known for his infectious smile, his respectful and humble posture, and helpful spirit. He could walk into any room, and the room would instantly light up. Monte was loved, and respected by many. He kept everyone laughing, and he always had a huge smile on his face. In his leisure time, he enjoyed writing music, drawing, and playing basketball with his friends.

He was preceded in death by his Maternal great-grandparents, Nellie Jones and Lewis Adams, and his paternal great-grandparents, Ollie and Bertha Thomas.

Monte leaves to cherish, and celebrate his memories are his caring parents, Tiffany and Arthur Gunter, of Moncure NC; sisters, Camille Rozzell, Nakayla and Makenzie Thomas, of Moncure, NC; one brother, Jaquan Headen, of Chapel Hill, NC; grandparents Steven and Brenda Thomas (of the home) Moncure, NC; aunt and uncle Ashica and Frank Cook of Conway, SC; great aunts and uncles John and Christine Thomas of Mitchellville, MD, Carolyn and Frank Penn of Roanoke, VA, Larry and Phyllis Thomas of Hampton, VA, and Margie Thomas Innis of Brooklyn, NY; a godmother, Freda Alston of Pittsboro, NC; god sisters Nicole Alston (Te) of Virginia Beach, VA, Angel Marsh of Pittsboro, NC, and god-niece Kelis Watson of Pittsboro, NC; a special friend, Dee Cross of Pittsboro, NC; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends that will miss him immensely.

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Prelude
- Processional Clergy & Family
- Opening Selection Mt. Olive Mass Choir
- Scripture Readings
 - Old Testament Minister Robert Gunter
 - New Testament..... Minister Cathy Smith
- Prayer of Comfort Minister Monica Headen
- Selection..... Mt. Olive Mass Choir
- Acknowledgments and Obituary Ms. LaDoris Thomas Jennings
- Reflections..... Please limit to two minutes
- Selection..... Mt. Olive Mass Choir
- Words of Encouragement..... Pastor George Headen
Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
- Committal
- Recessional

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

With the greatest appreciation, the Thomas and Gunter families would like to express our sincere thanks for every act of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown during the transition of our beloved **Demuntay D. Thomas**. Indeed, each of you have been a great comfort to us and have shown us that we are not alone during this difficult time. Words are inadequate to express our sincere gratefulness. May the richest blessings of the Lord continue to rain upon each of you.