

# Life Will Never Be The Same

*The moment you left me, my heart was split in two;  
One side was filled with memories,  
The other side died with you.  
I often lay awake at night  
When the world is fast to asleep,  
And I take a walk down memory lane  
With tears upon my cheek.  
Remembering you is easy;  
I do it every day.  
But missing you is a heartache  
That never goes away.  
I hold you tightly within my heart,  
And there you will remain.  
I see life has gone on without you,  
But I will never be the same.  
Loving you forever, Mom  
Constance Daniels  
"Your wings were ready, but my heart was not."*



## Pallbearers

Jarvis Berry  
Curtis Johnson, Sr.  
William Rattler

James L. Johnson, Sr.  
Anthony Sanders  
Robert Stokes

## Honorary Pallbearers

Skylyn-Russell Davis

Damon Thomas

Rahmir Thomas

## Acknowledgement

*For every card, phone call, text message, flower, or any act of kindness or sympathy shown to us during the transition and celebration of the life of our beloved Raymond "Remy Ray Bandz" Thomas, we, the family, extend our heartfelt thanks. May God bless you all for your love, support, and prayers.*

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# Celebrating the Life and Memories OF



# Raymond Thomas "REMY RAY BANDZ"

*Sunrise*  
March 2, 1993

*Sunset*  
June 4, 2021

Saturday, June 19, 2021  
Viewing: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Celebration of Life: 12:00 p.m.

**FAITH MIRACLE TEMPLE**  
870 Pershall Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63137

*Bishop Larry J. Baylor, Eulogist  
Dr. Marlon T. Baylor, Host Pastor  
Minister Darryl Allen, Officiant*

# Reflections of Life



Lovingly known by most as “Baby Ray” or simply known as “Ray,” he was born on the 2nd day of March in 1993, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Orlando Thomas and Constance Daniels. Ray was the second-born twin to his parents.

Raymond was educated in the St. Louis County School District up until he was 12 years old. He was a smart kid and would often bring home A’s and B’s. During ages 6-12, he participated in baseball, basketball, and football at Mathews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club and received numerous trophies, honors, and awards.

In 2005, at the age of 12, he relocated to Merrillville, Indiana, with his mother and twin brother, Damon, where he continued his education and playing sports, graduating from Merrillville High School. In 2016, he and his brother moved back to St. Louis with their father. He enrolled in Ranken Technical School, following in his father’s footsteps, learning the HVAC trade, and later became an apprentice. Raymond was an extremely hard worker and always strived to be the best, and gave his all in his endeavors. He worked for DB Schenker as a forklift driver while also working for the trade union doing construction on a million-dollar home.

When Raymond moved back to St. Louis, he and his brother regularly attended church with their father at Faith Miracle Temple under the leadership of Apostle Larry J. Baylor. He was baptized in the name of Jesus and worked in various ministries. He loved his church family and would always be available when called upon. Raymond would often go back to Indiana to visit his mother and his son “Remy,” whom he loved more than life.

Raymond enjoyed spending quality time with his family, friends, and attending family functions. He also loved watching different sporting events with his dad and twin brother. Raymond and his twin often referred to themselves as “Double Trouble,” aka DT4L. From birth til death, they were inseparable. They had a bond like no other. Their mother would often say, “They are the new meaning of Siamese twins.”

Raymond touched many lives and was known as a very respectful and well-mannered young man. He was a talented artist and drew numerous beautiful masterpieces. He found love at Faith Miracle Temple and was sharing his life with his fiancée, Dominique, aka “Nikki.” Ray’s mother welcomed her and called her “Daughter.” Raymond and Nikki both shared the same goals and dreamed of building a family and an empire and were engaged to be married and spend their lives together.

Raymond Thomas was called home to be with the Lord on June 4, 2021. Even in his death, he was named a hero because he chose to give the gift of life by donating his organs to those in need. Raymond was preceded in death by both his maternal and paternal great-grandmothers, Ethel Lee Harris and Drunetter Johnson, and paternal grandparents, Lottie B. Robinson and Authur Lee Thomas.

Raymond leaves to cherish his memory: his loving parents, Orlando Thomas, who he affectionately called “Pops,” and Constance Daniels; one son, Rahmir Lamar Thomas; his fiancée, Dominique Brand; three siblings, Damon, Erica, and Cameron; grandparents, Fred and Betty Binion, and Shelton Robinson; one great-grandfather, Robert Hairston; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

# Precious Memories



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# Order of Service

Organ Prelude .....	Jerry
Processional .....	Clergy and Family
Master of Ceremony .....	Minister Darryl Allen
Scripture.....	Minister Darryl Allen
Musical Selection.....	Musical Emsemble
Remarks .....	Family and Friends
Musical Selection.....	Musical Emsemble
Life Reflections.....	Read Silently
Eulogy .....	Bishop Larry J. Baylor
Parting View.....	Baucom's Life Celebration Center
Benediction	
Recessional	

## REPAST

Following Celebration of Life  
 Fashions R Boutique Banquet Hall  
 11833 New Halls Ferry Road  
 Florissant, Missouri 63033  
 3 PM - 7 PM

## FINAL RESTING PLACE

Monday, June 21, 2021 at 9:30 AM  
 St. Peter's Cemetery & Mausoleum  
 2101 Lucas and Hunt Road  
 Saint Louis, Missouri 63121

Departing from Baucom's at 9:00 AM



## *Proud Father*

Out of my four children, Raymond, you were the last.  
 But when it came to heart and spirit,  
 man, you sure caught up fast.  
 There was a flare, a zeal, and confidence about you,  
 Encouraging words, big hugs, and a great smile, too.  
 You loved your family so very deeply  
 and was quick to defend.  
 We loved you back through time  
 and space until the very end.  
 You were my son, and I was your Pop.  
 You may be resting, but the love and  
 bond we shared will never stop.  
 I wasn't ready for you to go,  
 but in the end, God said so.  
 You always said that you wanted to be  
 a better man and make your father proud.  
 You were coming into your own man,  
 accelerating, making moves, and coming  
 up with plans.  
 I scream out loud, "Pops Is Proud, I'm Very Proud!!"

## *My Baby Ray*

Ray, my baby, before my babies,  
 we used to make plans to take ova & ride Mercedes.  
 I wasn't ready; God was.  
 Forever, you'll protect us from above.  
 We was each other's motivation.  
 You constantly pushed me, gave me determination.  
 I WILL FOREVER KEEP YOUR LEGACY GOING  
 My nephew is a product of how much you were growing.  
 I'm proud to be your big sis.  
 You taught me all the haters, down talkers, & negative  
 energy - to dismiss.  
 Ur spirit is a RAY of sunshine.  
 Ur smile just captivating forever in my mind.

- Your Loving Sis Erica



Dear God, I gratefully thank you for giving me,  
 my dad. You must really love me, 'cause you gave  
 the best You had. Watch over him, and bless  
 him, Lord, and keep him in your care. And may  
 he feel my love for him, is my heartfelt prayer.  
 Love, Your Son Remy



"Love you forever and always"  
 -Grandmama and Granddad Binion

My respectful, grandson, Pawpaw will miss you.  
 Shelton Robinson



You were not just my twin, you are the other  
 half that makes me complete #DT4L  
 - Your Brother Damon

Ours was a great love story that we will  
 continue together some day. When we meet  
 again, I shall hold you in my arms and never  
 let you go. Our love was our bond, and even  
 death could not break it. Your death left a  
 gaping hole in my life that I will fill with the  
 love we shared  
 - Your Love, Nikki

