

Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron

April 1, 1944 - March 25, 2022

The passing of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron, age 77, on Friday, March 25, 2022, at his home, is being announced by his loving and devoted wife of 50 years, Barbara C. Cameron.

Thomas Earl Cameron, the second youngest of seven children, was born on April 1, 1944, in Durham, North Carolina to the late Henry Hudson and Estella Stewart Cameron.

He attended Hillside High School and after graduation went on to graduate from North Carolina College at Durham (now known as North Carolina Central University) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. While in college, Thomas was a member of the Football team and was selected to be included in the 1969 edition of Outstanding College Athletes of America for his outstanding athletic ability, accomplishments, and service.

Thomas was drafted and inducted into the United States Army on March 19, 1969. He was deployed to the Republic of South Vietnam on August 17, 1969, where he served until August 15, 1970. He earned the rank of Sargent in sixteen months. While serving in the Army, Thomas worked as an Indirect Fire Infantryman and Section Chief of an 81-millimeter mortar team. He also led "fire teams" for camp security where he often had to operate in shoulder high "elephant grass". Thomas was awarded the National Defense Service Medal,

Combat Infantryman's Badge, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Vietnamese Campaign Medal with 60 Device, and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross.

As a dedicated civil service servant, Thomas worked 32 years for United States Postal Service. He started his career as a letter carrier and retired as the manager of the Eno Valley Post Office. Thomas later returned to work as a consultant with the Employment Security Service Commission of North Carolina (now known as North Carolina Department of Commerce) for 12 years. His zeal and hard work to serve others was recognized when he was awarded the Governor's Award for Excellence in 2010 for his outstanding dedication and commitment to the citizens and state of North Carolina.

Thomas was an active member of Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. Many will remember Thomas for his welcoming presence and willingness to help those in need. As a dedicated member he served as the chairperson for the usher board for numerous years, a former trustee, and member of the transportation committee.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Henry, Jr. "Red", John "Pete", James Herbert, and two sisters, Emma and Rachel.

Thomas was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. He will always be loved and cherished by Barbara Cameron, his wife of 50 years; two sons – Stefan of San Jose, California (Erika) and Dorian of Mableton, Georgia (Cameron); a sister Betty Nichols of Concord, North Carolina; six grandchildren, Stefan, Jr., Morgan, Austin, Kennedy, Dylan, and Grant; a host of nieces and nephews along with many other relatives and friends.

Services to celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron are as

follows:

Public Viewing, Friday, April 1, 2022, at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701, from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Viewing, Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 12:00 noon until 12:55 p.m., at Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church, 316 Hebron Road, Durham, North Carolina 27704, with the service beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Interment will take place immediately following the Celebration of Life Service in the Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

To view the Celebration of Life Service for Mr. Cameron, please do so through the Facebook page of Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church, or the church's website.

Please keep this family in your thoughts and in your prayers.

Cemetery Details

Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

316 Hebron Road
Durham, NC 27704

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 1. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
309 N Queen St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-1171
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com
<https://scarboroughandhargettfc.com/>

Viewing

APR 2. 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM (ET)

Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church
316 Hebron Road
Durham, NC 27704
<http://www.mtlevelmbc.org/home>

Celebration of Life

APR 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church
316 Hebron Road
Durham, NC 27704
<http://www.mtlevelmbc.org/home>

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc. - April 06, 2022 at 07:50 PM



“ *Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss Barbara. May the creator keep you and the family strong in your time of bereavement. Take care Tim smith*

Tim smith - April 02, 2022 at 04:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron.*



April 01, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Teresa McMillian lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron*



Teresa McMillian - April 01, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron.



April 01, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *A salute to a fellow Vietnam Veteran. Welcome Home! I'll see you in Heaven.*

Mike Floyd

Mike Floyd - April 01, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron.



March 31, 2022 at 09:25 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron.



March 31, 2022 at 03:51 PM

CJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. It was a joy to work with Thomas. Even though he had been retired for a while, we often thought of him. He was our unemployment claims guru.

He always was dressed to the nine and took great pride in his work. Everyone loved Thomas. Not to mention Thomas loved sweets, some staff would love to supply him with cakes, brownies, or some type of baked goods through the years.

The Durham NCWorks Career Center will "Never" forget the warmth his smile brought to the office each day.

Deepest Condolences

NCWorks Career Center-Durham

Carmen Jones-Beasley - March 31, 2022 at 10:06 AM

RA

To Barbara and the entire family of Thomas Cameron, I extend my deepest sympathy. With Love, Regina Alston (former neighbor)

Regina Alston - April 02, 2022 at 10:51 AM

SF

“ SATTERWHITE FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron



SATTERWHITE FAMILY - March 30, 2022 at 07:29 PM

SF

On behalf of the Satterwhite Family, we are sending love, peace and comfort to each of you during this time.

SATTERWHITE FAMILY - March 30, 2022 at 07:31 PM

SC

“ *Sincere sympathy to Barbara and the entire family. I had the pleasure of working with Thomas when he joined the N.C. Employment Security Commission as a second career after retiring from the US Postal System. He always demonstrated a caring, positive attitude which made him very effective in dealing with the clientele. He had an extraordinary ability in remaining calm in difficult situations. RIP Shirley T. Cole*



Shirley T Cole - March 30, 2022 at 05:18 PM

BE

“ *Barbara may you and your family find comfort during this very difficult time.
May GOD be with you all
Barbara webb Edwards*

Barbara webb Edwards - March 30, 2022 at 04:30 PM

CS

“ *Calvin Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron*



Calvin Smith - March 30, 2022 at 02:41 PM

CS

Rip Cousin

Calvin Smith - March 30, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron.*



March 30, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron.*



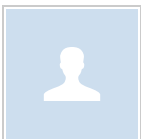
March 30, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron.*



March 30, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Earl Cameron.*



March 29, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ Barbara, praying for you and your family. I love you. So, sorry to hear of Thomas's passing.
#absentfromthebodypresentwiththelord



Tonya Joyner - March 29, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ I remember Thomas as one of the members of the HHS classmates of 1962. Prayers for the family.

Evelyn Jones Hightower - March 28, 2022 at 08:38 AM



“ I worked with Tom at the old 9th Street Post office. He was always a calm and encouraging person who treated everyone with respect. He was an excellent leader and a good man.

Bill Newman

Bill Newman - March 26, 2022 at 05:47 PM



*My condolences goes out to the family
My prayers goes out to the family 🙏🙏🙏* Gayle Bridges

Cynthia Bridges - March 27, 2022 at 07:28 PM



*Barbara ,
Our prayers are with you and your family.
Peggy Bullock and sons*

peggy bullock - March 28, 2022 at 12:39 PM

GL

Dear Barbara, we are thinking of you and the family and praying for you at this difficult time. May faith give you strength and may prayers bring you comfort. With deep and sincere sympathy.

Charles & Gail Lloyd and Family

Gail Lloyd - March 28, 2022 at 05:16 PM

LG

Barbara and family,

Please accept our heartfelt prayers and condolence on the loss of Thomas. Please know that we are sending up prayers of comfort for you all. God Bless.

Mars and Linda Gunn

Linda Gunn - March 29, 2022 at 10:38 AM

AA

A very sincere sympathy for Cameron family, and may healing and blessings comfort you.

ANDREW AGERSTON - March 31, 2022 at 02:12 PM

LG

On behalf of the Recreation Unit for Cobb County PARKS, we offer our sincere condolences for the Cameron family at this time of Loss. May God be with you and comfort you at this time.

Lionel Garrett - March 31, 2022 at 04:09 PM

SH

Barbara, my sincere condolences for the Cameron family. May God comfort you at this time.

Sylvia Hunt

sylvia hunt - April 02, 2022 at 12:54 PM