IN LOVING MEMORY



Russell O'Neal Thomas

"Chuck" • *also called "Chucky Boy"*

February 10, 1959 — November 9, 2026

CREMATION: NOVEMBER 10, 2026

Donald Trimble Mortuary Chapel

1876 Second Avenue, Decatur, GA 30032

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, November 21, 2026, 12:00–3:00 PM, 3094 Woodrow Place, Lithonia, GA 30058.

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Russell O’Neal Thomas, affectionately known as “Chuck” — also called “Chucky Boy” — of Scottdale, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 9, 2026, at the age of 67.

Russell was born on February 10, 1959, at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, to the late Ruby Nell Thomas (née Smith) and the late Robert Thomas. He grew up as a child in Edgewood, then moved to Willa Way in Decatur, Georgia, where he met some of his closest friends — friendships that lasted his whole life. He attended Murphy High School and Garden High School, and finished at Columbia High School. People say he was just like his daddy, Rob — but he was like his momma in many ways, too: if he could help you, he would, whether it was $10 or $20, he gave it.

Russell worked as a contractor — he poured concrete, laid tile, built pools, worked on roofs, and did just about anything else the job called for. He traveled many states on contracting jobs with his friend Reggie. In his last days, he told us over and over: he was a supervisor, he used to tell people what to do, he had plenty of women, and he made perfect attendance at school. And he would say, “I have never been sick, never even had a cold” — and he never had.

He was a lover boy for sure, and he loved his friends and family. Russell had the best smile — comical in all aspects of his life, he was always somewhere making somebody laugh, even when he was angry. He was a cussing, finger-pointing, don’t-take-no-mess man, and his saying was, “Do you know who I am? I’m Russell Thomas.” And yes, he talked plenty of trash — that was Chuck. Deon Harper was like his little brother and looked up to him, and he counted among his closest friends Reginald Dozier, Leonard Gray (“Lil Man”), Keith McCullum, Richard Wright, Warnell, and the late Kevin David (“KD”), along with many more. All of his children shared special moments with him during his lifetime, and each one carries a piece of him.

In his final years, Russell was surrounded by the love of his family. He was taken care of by his eldest daughter, Roshonda — whom he lovingly called his “angel,” and he often said God was talking through her to him — together with Kaye Brittian and his daddy’s girl, Kimberly. And let’s not forget the ones who came to his aide: his son, Rustin, his childhood friend, Marie (Tina Wright), and his sister and brother-in-law, Rudene and Rodney Fluellen. His final years were surrounded by love.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Thomas and Ruby Nell Thomas.

He leaves to cherish his memory his significant other, Kaye Brittian; his children, Roshonda Dennis (John P. Dennis), Shenicka Thomas, Kimberly Thomas, Kenderick Thomas, Kisha Thomas, Angel Thomas, Sonya Thomas, Denzal Thomas, and Rustin Jenkins; twenty grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his siblings, Riley “Rusty” Thomas (Ruby Thomas), Rudene “Penny” Fluellen (Rodney Fluellen), and Rodney “Pulu” Thomas (Chante Thomas); his half-siblings, Ronnie Davis and Roshana Davis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who loved him dearly.

Russell’s final wishes were clear, and his family honored every one of them. He asked to be cremated, and he was. He always said he never wanted to spend his final days depending on somebody else to feed him and clean him — that was not how Russell Thomas was going to live, and it is not how he left. He went out on his own terms, the same way he came through this world: his own man, to the very end. And that’s what he meant.

Cremation services were entrusted to Donald Trimble Mortuary, 1876 Second Avenue, Decatur, GA 30032.

Russell O’Neal Thomas

Robert Thomas & Ruby Nell Thomas, née Smith

His parents — Robert: January 27, 1937 – October 15, 2020 • Ruby Nell: died November 5, 2025
Married October 30, 1953

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His Siblings

- **Riley “Rusty” Thomas** (Ruby Thomas) — oldest
- **Rudene “Penny” Fluellen** (Rodney Fluellen)
- **Rodney “Pulu” Thomas** (Chante Thomas)
- Half-siblings: **Ronnie Davis** and **Roshana Davis**

His Children

- **Roshonda Dennis** (John P. Dennis) — eldest
- **Shenicka Thomas**
- **Kimberly Thomas**
- **Kenderick Thomas**
- **Kisha Thomas**
- **Angel Thomas**
- **Sonya Thomas**
- **Denzal Thomas**
- **Rustin Jenkins**

His Legacy

Twenty grandchildren and two great-grandchildren — their names fill the next page, grouped under his children in order.

Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

Children of Roshonda Dennis (John P. Dennis)

Deanna Williams • Colin Dennis • John Dennis Jr. (step-grandchild) • Daniel Dennis (step-grandchild) • Joseph Dennis (step-grandchild) • Katherine Dennis (step-grandchild)

Children of Shenicka Thomas

Caleb Davis

Children of Kimberly Thomas

Tayshuwn Johnson • Keyvion Johnson • Aaleeyah'Jay Taylor

Children of Kenderick Thomas

Kenderick Thomas Jr.

Children of Kisha Thomas

Suriah Thomas • Olivia Clark • Oliver Clark Jr.

Children of Angel Thomas

Zamon Morgan • Angeles Thomas

Children of Sonya Thomas

Kae'loni Thomas

Children of Denzal Thomas

Nyla Thomas • Denzal Thomas Jr. • Zayden Thomas

20 Grandchildren in All

Step-Great-Grandchildren

Isaiah Dennis and Noel Dennis, children of Daniel Dennis

Photos & Memories

REMEMBERING “CHUCK” • RUSSELL O’NEAL THOMAS



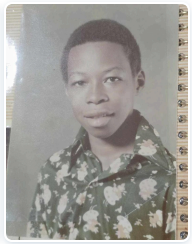


















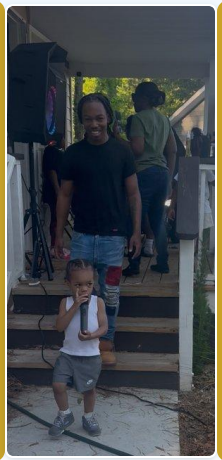
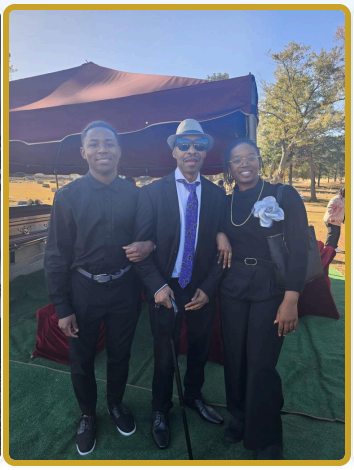






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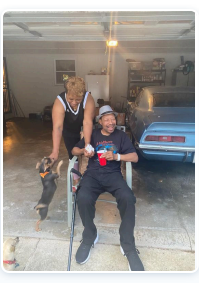








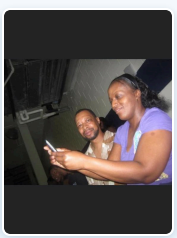


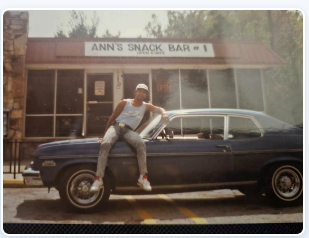









CELEBRATION OF LIFE

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For Russell O'Neal Thomas — "Chuck"

Saturday, November 21, 2026

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

3094 Woodrow Place, Lithonia, GA 30058

Family and friends are invited to gather, share memories, and break bread together in honor of a life well loved.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations of any size toward funeral expenses and the repast. Cash App and Zelle are accepted — please DM Roshonda for the info.

Acknowledgement

The family of Russell O'Neal Thomas wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness shown to us during this time — every prayer, call, text, visit, meal, and memory shared has meant more than words can say. Thank you for loving our dad, brother, grandfather, and friend, and for loving us through this. May God bless each of you.

— The Family

Heaven Has Him Now



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