

*Thomas Edward Tapp,
Jr.*

June 26, 1948 - Oct. 6, 2024

Thomas Edward Tapp, Jr., 76, of Morganton, NC, had his heavenly appointment on Sunday, October 6, 2024.

Born in Burke County, NC on June 26, 1948, he was the son of the late Thomas E. Tapp and Lillian Beatrice Fleming Tapp.

Mr. Tapp had attended Slades Chapel AME Zion Church and later St. Mary / St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He graduated from Olive Hill High School in 1966. He loved to talk about history and had an exemplary sense of humor. He loved the Lord and loved helping others. After his retirement, Thomas enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Mr. Tapp is survived by his sons, Saint Tapp (Jeneen) and Chris Marquel Danner; daughter, Latoya Danner; grandchildren, Alexia, Avianna, Chris, Will, Makayla, and Braylee; great-granddaughter, Naomi; cousins who he considered siblings, John Fleming, Jimmy Fleming, Patricia Fleming Hardin, and Sundar Fleming; special friend, Sandra Bristol; and a host of cousins and other relatives.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Slades Chapel AME Zion Church. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the church with Rev. Andrea Purcell officiating. Burial will follow in Olive Hill Cemetery.

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Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

My condolences to the family heaven has a very special angel such a kind and lovely person never will forget the laughs we had at the store rip angel!

–Susan Crisp



Tommy Tapp you were/are forever part of my family. You are my sisters "Godfather " and a very special man! You helped me and my family when there was nobody! You were a friend, father, and grandfather not only to your family but to mine as well! I can remember you in my childhood and your mother giving me a safe place to stay until it was time to walk to the bus stop! Thank you for being such an important part of our lives! We will be forever grateful! Love you! Now without any doubt you are in that heavenly place, free of illness and pain. I know you will be watching over all of us. You will remain in my thoughts and my heart as long as I breathe. Rest now and we shall meet again...

–Rhonda Brewer

May my condolence brings you comfort, and may my prayers your pain of your loss I pray the love for the loss is forever carried in memories. Be blessed.

–Charles Scruggs

Sorry for your loss Tapp was my friend we will miss him be blessed family.

–Stanley Berry



We are so sorry for your loss. May your heart find peace and comfort during this difficult time. And Tapp, I hope that gospel CD brought you a little joy, even if it was just for a brief spin. Sending you warm thoughts and strength.

–Jonathan Roseboro, Kristina Rodriguez

So sorry to hear of your passing, Tapp. You were always a good friend to me! Rest in peace, my friend! You will be missed!

–Thomas Edward Tapp, Jr.



With tears and a heavy heart at this moment we would like to extend our Deepest and Sincere Condolences to all of the family. We have known Thomas for quite some time and even though we know we all will have our time we never seem to think about losing a loved one who seems like they have been one of the best and memorable parts of our lives forever. He always kept in touch weather near or far with a call or a visit and checking to see how everyone is doing. He was a Loving and Special person who cared so much for so many and would do anything to help if needed. We ran into him and Kakie about a month ago as we were laughing, talking, hugging and just enjoying the moment and the conversation with each other. He will be surely missed by us and by many but never forgotten. We love you Thomas and his Family and Friends are in our Thoughts and Prayers. Rest in Heavenly Peace true friend.

–Theodora Hunter, Veronica Hunter



Family may God give you comfort, strength and peace as you go through these difficult days!! Tommy was so much that I don't have enough space nor words to write it all!! He will be sorely missed!! Heartbroken, but Praise GOD I do understand!!

—Ruth Roseboro



—Anonymous



Although Tommy was our first cousin, he was and will always be remembered as our brother. When Tommy was born in 1948, we became Jimmy, Johnny, Patricia and Tommy. We grew up together on West Concord Street from the late 40s to the mid 60s. We shared an extended family headed by William Thomas Fleming whom we affectionately called Depa. It was Depa who instilled in us racial pride in a segregated society. It was this extended family that provided the Christian values we would grow and live by for the rest of our lives, Tommy knew no strangers. He welcomed all with open arms into his house and circle of friends. He was very generous with his time and was ever ready to share with those in need. He followed Jesus's command to love one another as I have loved you. Tommy made it a regular habit of visiting the sick, infirmed and feeding the hungry. As much as it pains us to say good bye to our dear brother, we take solace in our Lord's words, "His Lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you

ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' "

–John E. Fleming



Sending my condolences. You are in my thoughts and prayers

–Linda



I enjoyed talking with Tommy at Senior Center and it instantly knew he was a man strong faith! May you feel God's loving embrace! Rebekah Poplin

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On Sunday my beautiful cousin Tommy left this earth and was escorted by angels into the arms of God. His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many ". Heaven has a new angel! It is impossible to express how empty life on earth will be without Tommy, I love him unconditionally and I know without a doubt he loves me. He always took good care of me and I believe he will continue to care for me now as my divine guardian and protector. I will take strength and comfort knowing this and I pray for courage to always do what is right in his honor.

–Patricia Hardin

So sorry to hear about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayer's

–Linda

He was a nice person and helpful to everyone. He will be truly missed by everyone

–Takaysa Corpening



My sincere condolences to Tommy's family. I have known him all my life. We went to the same schools and graduated the same year. He was friendly and always acknowledged me wherever he saw me. May God bless each of you with peace and comfort during this most difficult time in your lives. You remain in my sincere prayers.

–Diann Thomas Tate



RIP brother. On behalf of St Mary's and St Stephens episcopal church. We love you and thank you for your dedication in your service to your church. Peace be with your family during this time and we'll be seeing you

–tommy walker

Dear Saint and Family, Your dad was a treasure. He is healed, now resting in the arms of Jesus. Deb and Family

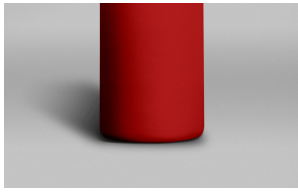
–Debra Fleming

I am so very sad to hear this. I worked with Tommy (Saint.) I pray that God will comfort and keep the entire family under His protection.

–David Lewis



I have known Tommy my entire life. We reconnected when



he and the team he was part of brought me in to host the annual Juneteenth Celebration in Morganton. Tommy's heart, his sense of humor and his generosity never changed never wavered. Our conversations picked up tight where we left off, just like we saw each other yesterday. He was a dear friend and my heart and Prayers go out to his family his kids and grandchildren that he loved to much, and the Morganton Community who he loved and he served till the end! RIP my friend, I am sure gonna miss seeing and talking to you

–Jay Alexander

"I'm gonna miss you my friend, I'm gonna miss you my buddy". We have been together since toddlers. Tommy was a good samaritan to all people and his absence will impact many of us. He was a real soldier in God's Army. Such a devoted Christian who did daily devotions every morning. Condolences to this great family

–Artie Logan



To the Tapp family... I am so very sorry for your loss. I have known this family all my life. Was good friends with Saint growing up and all thru school. Please know I am praying for peace and comfort. I love you guys!

–Pam McLellan (COWAN)

Extending my condolences to The Thomas Tapp Family

–Cecelia D. Surratt



I'd like to Contribute my Condolences, to the family,Children,Grand Children and Family Of Mr. Tapp,He



was a great Father, Grandfather and he was like family to me. He would Always Greet me and welcome me with an Awesome Smile! A smile, that I will carry with me, until we meet again. I like to Send love and! hugs to A Very SPECIAL FRIEND of MINE, Dawn Danner,. MY Granddaughter Alexia

Mcilwain, Mama Chrissy, Chris Danner And little Chris And THE Whole Entire Family. LOVE ALL OF YOU, MAMAP. MR. TAPP, YOU TRULEY EARNED, YOUR HEAVENLY WINGS.

–Peggy Mcilwain

RIHP TOMMY I HAVE ALWAYS SAID WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF A FRIEND A TRUE FRIEND HOLD ON TO THEM TOMMY WAS INDEED A TRUE SPECIAL WONDERFUL FRIEND TO ME ONE IN WHOM I WILL NEVER FORGET SIP MY FRIEND WE WILL MEET AGAIN CUBBY AS YOU AFFECTIONATELY CALLED ME

–Barbara Cuthbertson Patton

My sincere Condolence to Tommy's family, He was my friend, and classmates, may God keep you in this time of sorrow.

–Mildred Wright-Hawkins

–Saundra Bristol, Kakie



I Know You Are Shining So Brightly Before The Presence Of Our Lord Tommy.

–Saundra Bristol

You have my condolences. Tommy enjoyed life . Thank God for sharing him with us.

–Jacqueline Kanipe



Prayers for your family. I'm so sorry for your loss.

–Tammy Chapman

Tommy will always be known as a caring individual. A Godley Servant to all whom he came in contact with. I remember when I had to be hospitalized, Thommy and his dear friend Kakie prayed and Thommy touched my forehead praying to God to heal my body. The next day I was discharged. Tommy was a dependable friend and always on time to take me to my doctor's appointments whenever I needed him. Tommy, this is the new beginning of the Eternal Life you deserve in Jesus Name.

–Victoria Avery