

When Tomorrow Starts

Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me,
Then I'll wish so much you wouldn't cry
Like the way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me, too.
But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand
That Jesus came and called my name
And took me by the hand.
He said my place was ready
In Heaven far above
And I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart.
Every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

Honorary Pallbearers

Glenn Rease | Lorenzo Parker
Dexter Parker | Dewayne Parker

Active Pallbearers

Darien Thomas | Tyrell Thomas | Robert Outlaw
Mike Wilson | Markevis Carter | Deundre Carter
Garrett Wilcox | Ronald Dyouis | David Pollard
Deon Fuller

Interment

Fales Cemetery
205 Beechwood Drive
Douglas, Georgia 31535

Acknowledgments

The family of Elijah Lee Thomas would like to express our deepest and most heartfelt appreciation for the love, compassion, and support extended to us during this time of sorrow. In the midst of our grief, we were comforted and strengthened by the kindness of family and friends through beautiful flowers, thoughtful cards, comforting words, warm embraces, and sincere acts of care. Your presence and prayers have meant more to us than we can fully express. We ask that you continue to keep our family in your prayers, as we will continue to keep you in ours.
May God richly bless each of you.

- The Family



Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

HARRELL'S FUNERAL HOME
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Celebration of Life For



Sunrise:
July 24, 1978

Sunset:
April 10, 2026

Elijah Lee Thomas

Saturday, April 25, 2026

11:00 AM

New Hope Covenant Christian Fellowship Center

111 Alabama Street
Broxton, Georgia 31519

Pastor Theo Moore, Eulogist

Life Reflections

Today, April 25, 2026, we honor and remember the life of Elijah Lee Thomas, lovingly known as "Lee."

Lee was born on July 24, 1978, in Douglas, Georgia, to Elijah Thomas Sr. and Winnell Rease Thomas. He later moved with his family to Irwin County and was raised in Wray, Georgia, where his humble beginnings and strong family foundation helped shape the man he became. Though life presented challenges, Lee and his family persevered through hard work and determination.

He graduated from Irwin County High School in 1997. Growing up on a farm, Lee developed discipline, resilience, and a deep respect for honest work—qualities that stayed with him throughout his life.

Known for his strong work ethic, Lee also had a lighthearted and humorous spirit. He loved football, fast cars, traveling, and spending time with others. Whether at a game, a trail ride, or a gathering, Lee brought laughter and joy wherever he went. He was a loyal friend and confidant, always ready to listen and offer honest, heartfelt advice.

Lee held several jobs over the years but found his true passion in truck driving. He began his career at Walmart Distribution Center in 2003, where his interest in trucking grew into a profession he truly loved. His work took him across the United States and beyond, and he remained dedicated to the road until his health declined.

On April 10, 2026, Lee made his final journey, closing a chapter of a life defined by strength, determination, laughter, and love. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Lee was preceded in death by his father, Elijah Thomas Sr.; his brothers, Carmichael and Stacy Parker; and his grandparents, Lester and Willie Mae Rease, and Boysie and Fannie Mae Thomas.

He is survived by his loving and devoted mother, Winnell Rease Thomas, one daughter, Aleeah Thomas, and one son, Jakwon Bishop. He also leaves to cherish his memories four brothers, Melvin (Kameka) Parker, Darien (Edna) Thomas, Ronald (Wendy) Dyous, and Tyrell (Shineshia) Thomas, and two sisters, Anna Parker Carter and Adriene (Anthony) Burch. Lee is also survived by two uncles, Albert (Betty) Rease and David (Katharene) Rease, four aunts, Erma (Ezekiel) Jackson, Virginia Rease, Shirley (Jerome) Phillips, and Barbara Lewis, along with a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, and sorrowing friends.

We take comfort in the hope ahead and hold on to the promise of seeing him again. Until that day, we will remember his laughter, his strength, and the love he shared with all of us.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

- Processional.....Ministers and Family
- Final Glimpse
- Invocation.....Pastor Sheron Riley
- Selection.....Favor
- Scripture Readings
 - Old Testament.....Brother Shawn Lewis
 - New Testament..... Pastor Dexter Parker
- Reflections.....Please Limit To Three Minutes
 - As a Friend.....Dr. L'Vita Wilcox
 - As a Friend.....Tim Harris
- Letter To My Father..... Aleeah Thomas
- Selection.....Jessica Harris
- Eulogy.....Pastor Theo Moore
- Acknowledgements.....Harrell's Staff
- Benediction