



## SPC Jay Rakin Thomas

April 15, 1979 - November 3, 2013

Thomas – SPC Jay Rankin Thomas, Delta Battery 26th Field Artillery, 3rd Battalion 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 18th Fires Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division “Steel Rain”, age 34 of Lawrenceville passed away Sunday, November 3, 2013. A funeral service will be held at 2 PM, Wednesday November 6, 2013 in the Lawrenceville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home with Rev. Scott Shepard and Pastor Rodney Massey officiating. Interment will follow at White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Duluth. SPC Thomas graduated from Strayer University with a Bachelor of Arts in Finance, was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha at Georgia State, Women’s club Soccer Coach at Georgia State, played soccer with Parkview High School Soccer Team, Red Panthers Soccer Club and Georgia Perimeter College. SPC Thomas served his Basic Training with US Army at Ft. Sill, OK. He was currently stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. SPC Thomas is survived by Mother: Jackie Dennard, Lawrenceville, GA; Father & Stepmother: Rankin & Betty Thomas, Oxford, GA; Sister & Brother-in-law: Jennifer & Bryan Warren, Panama City, FL; Brothers: Jay Proctor, Macon, GA; Rick Proctor, Los Angeles, CA; Maternal Grandmother: Martha Dennard, Lawrenceville, GA; Paternal Grandmother; Mary Gaines, Conyers, GA; Nephews: McKenzie Thomas; Carson Walters; Niece: Jordyn Thomas-Warren. The family will receive friends Tuesday November 5, 2013 from 6-9 PM at the Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, SW, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046. 770-962-3100. Please sign online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)



# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road, S.W.  
Lawrenceville, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of SPC Jay Rakin Thomas*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - November 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



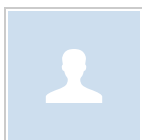
“ *SPC Jay Rakin Thomas*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Jackie / Jenn and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I know your world must be upside down right now. Know that you are loved, and you will be in our prayers for the upcoming weeks and months. Please let us know if we can do ANY thing for you. I will be in touch in a couple of weeks or whenever you feel up to a visit. One thing I know is Jay is with His Father and we will see him again. Love, Kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Dunnahoo##imported-end##*

November 08, 2013 at 09:53 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.*

*Rick and Debbie Harrison##imported-begin##Debbie Harrison##imported-end##*

November 06, 2013 at 08:27 PM



“ My thoughts & prayers are with your family. I am so privileged & honored to have known you. You were the true definition of an amazing person. The class of 1997 has lost an angel. May you rest in peace.##imported-begin##Lisa Holmes##imported-end##

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November 06, 2013 at 05:43 PM



“ "Our love is unconditional, we knew it from the start. I see it in your eyes and i feel it in my heart." ... this is what he used to say to me when I was struggling with things, it became words we spoke to one another often through the years. I have never known any other man that I adored to the core the way I did him. I have so much to say but I think a simple... I love you will do. you will forever be missed but those words are something I will hold on to forever! unconditional is just that... without conditions or limitations; absolute. I was blessed to know you!##imported-begin##Bumper Haddock##imported-end##

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November 06, 2013 at 04:12 PM



“ Rankin, there are no words to express my shock and sympathy for you and your family. God bless and keep you in the palm of his hand now and in the days to come. God Bless You My Friend!! Trina Senft##imported-begin##Trina Senft (GSP)##imported-end##

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November 06, 2013 at 03:22 PM



“ To the Family, I am so sorry to hear about Jay. It saddens me to know that he has left us too soon. My prayers are for your peace and all the good memories.

*In sympathy,*

*Susan Bledose##imported-begin##Susan Bledsoe##imported-end##*

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November 06, 2013 at 01:12 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Jay's passing. We did not hear about the service, so I am sorry I was not able to attend. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Linda##imported-begin##Linda Calhoun##imported-end##

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November 06, 2013 at 01:07 PM



“ There are really no words to express the void that I will have now that you are gone!! We would talk at least 3 to 4 times a month. To know that I will not be able to pick up the phone and hear your voice is going to be hard. I know that you are an angel in heaven now watching over your family!! I will miss you terribly and I will love you always!!!

*-Stephanie Lackey-##imported-begin##Stephanie Lackey##imported-end##*

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November 06, 2013 at 11:43 AM



“ Jackie and family. I am so sorry for your loss. God bless and keep your family.

Sandra Cox##imported-begin##Sandra Cox##imported-end##

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November 06, 2013 at 11:22 AM



“ I went to school with Jay from Arcado through Parkview and have been so sad to learn of his passing. Jay was always a super nice guy and you can't think of him without thinking of his amazing smile. I ran into him a few years ago and he was just the same sweet guy as he always has been. Prayers for your family during this sad time. May you find comfort in knowing how many people Jay touched during his lifetime.##imported-begin##Bridgette Howell Bilz##imported-end##

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November 06, 2013 at 09:59 AM



“ Sylvia and I send you our sincere condolences for your loss. If there is anything we can do for you in your time of need, please let us know.##imported-begin##Al & Sylvia Veith##imported-end##

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November 06, 2013 at 09:58 AM



“ Rankin, Betty, Jennifer and the entire Thomas Family,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. We hope you will find comfort and peace in our Lord and Savior as well as each other. Always remember that the angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hands of God. We are here to let you know that we love you and will be here when you need us to be.*

*Matthew 5:4*

*Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.*

*Love,*

*Chris, Michelle & Kayla Drinnen,##imported-begin##Chris & Michelle Drinnen##imported-end##*

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November 06, 2013 at 09:27 AM



“ Jay was always bright and a joy to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with all family and friends during this time.##imported-begin##Amanda Lee Tantanella##imported-end##

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November 06, 2013 at 08:31 AM



“ My deepest condolences and sympathies. May you find healing, comfort, and peace through the love of family and friends. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mitch Jones##imported-end##

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November 06, 2013 at 07:43 AM



“ Dear Jackie and family,  
I am so saddened to hear of the loss of Jay. I thank him for his service to our country and know he is being taken care of. Please know that my prayers go out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Ginny McNary##imported-end##

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November 06, 2013 at 05:43 AM



“ Jay was a friend of my son, Josh, in high school and then a neighbor in the condo in Vinings. He always was so fun loving and friendly, and came to their rescue when their condo flooded, by repairing & replacing all that had been ruined. Although we haven't seen him in a while, we will always remember his smile, love of soccer & fun personality. We are so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Kym Towns##imported-end##

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November 05, 2013 at 10:32 PM



“ Rankin, Betty, Jennifer, and Family,  
I remember Jay as a young man and how proud his family was in all of his accomplishments. He developed into a wonderful young man serving his country. We love your family and will miss Jay. May God bless Jay and you all.

Marty & Gail Horne##imported-begin##Marty & Gail Horne##imported-end##

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November 05, 2013 at 10:20 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I have the so many memories of a gentle, kind-hearted, fun, caring, loving friend who I had the privilege of meeting in college. Love you and miss you.##imported-begin##Kristen Gillian Hooper##imported-end##

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November 05, 2013 at 10:09 PM



“ Dear Jackie, I am so sorry to hear the sad news of your loss of Jay. Knowing your love and devotion to your children over the years I can only imagine the hurt you must be feeling. I am a true believer in our Heavenly Father and I know He can heal all, I will keep you and yours in my prayers, know that you have many friends who love and care. May God bless & comfort you.  
Love,  
Gail##imported-begin##Gail LaCaze Dick##imported-end##

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November 05, 2013 at 09:01 PM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Jay was a wonderful man that made everyone smile. He will be remembered for his kindness. Praying for his family and friends.##imported-begin##Jessica Slaton##imported-end##

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November 05, 2013 at 07:37 PM



“ Rankin,  
I don't know what to say, Prayers for you family.  
If I can do anything please let me know. Vicky##imported-begin##Vicky Simpson ##imported-end##

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November 05, 2013 at 05:43 PM