



## John David Thomas

October 28, 1987 - October 13, 2016

John David "JD" Thomas, 28, died Thursday, October 13, 2016.

John was the son of Kaye Thomas of Henrico and the late John P. Thomas. He is also survived by his sister, Rachel Thomas of Florida; maternal grandmother, Ina Midkiff of Virginia; and paternal grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Pendleton E. Thomas, III of Washington.

John graduated from Deep Run High School in 2006 and Virginia Tech in 2010 and 2012 with a BA in Chemistry and a MS in Secondary Education, respectively. He was a Chemistry teacher at Fauquier High School. John was extremely dedicated to teaching and to the success of his students. Additionally, he loved spending time with his friends, playing trivia, soccer, his guitar and teasing his sister and granny.

A celebration of John David's life will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 22, 2016 at Discovery United Methodist Church, Richmond. The family will receive friends at 9:00 a.m. Following the celebration, a graveside service will be conducted at 3:00 p.m., at New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery, Hurt, VA. At 2:00 p.m. the family will welcome visitors in the New Prospect Baptist Church.

John's mother and sister have established the John Thomas Memorial

Chemistry Fund through the Henrico Education Foundation and requests all who wish to make memorial donations do so at:[www.henricofoundation.org](http://www.henricofoundation.org) <<http://www.henricofoundation.org>> or PO Box 38488, Henrico, VA 23231.

# Cemetery Details

## New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery

509 Prospect Rd.  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Discovery United Methodist Church  
13000 Gayton Road  
Richmond, VA 23233

## Memorial Service

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Discovery United Methodist Church  
13000 Gayton Road  
Richmond, VA 23233

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

New Prospect Baptist Church  
509 Prospect Rd.  
Hurt, VA 24563

## Graveside Service

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OCT **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery  
509 Prospect Rd.  
Hurt, VA 24563

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Marian sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Thomas*



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**Marian** - March 07, 2018 at 08:11 AM

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of John David Thomas*



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**Marian** - March 07, 2018 at 08:10 AM

RG

“ *Rosa Guardado lit a candle in memory of John David Thomas*



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**Rosa Guardado** - October 23, 2016 at 08:10 PM

RG

*“ Some people come into our lives,  
Leave footprints on our hearts,  
And we are never the same ”  
Our deepest condolences during this time.  
We will keep him in our hearts.  
A great person, caring and dedicated teacher .*



*-Guardado family*

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**Rosa Guardado** - October 23, 2016 at 08:09 PM

TR

*“ Our heartfelt and deepest sympathy to all of you. May God bless  
and comfort you during this tragic time. Terry and Dale Riddle*

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**Terry Riddle** - October 23, 2016 at 05:14 PM

JC

*“ I am so very sorry for your loss. When John David was a senior at  
DRHS, he was in one of my English classes. He was such a kind  
and gentle young man. May your loving memories sustain you in  
your unimaginable loss. With sincere and deep sympathy, Mrs. Julie  
Counts*

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**Julie Counts** - October 22, 2016 at 03:52 PM

JG

*“ John, Karla And David Gibson lit a candle in  
memory of John David Thomas*



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**John, Karla and David Gibson** - October 22, 2016 at 09:49 AM

JG

“ *John, Karla And David Gibson lit a candle in memory of John David Thomas*



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**John, Karla and David Gibson** - October 22, 2016 at 09:48 AM

JJ

*Thinking of you, Kaye and your family! So sorry for your loss!*

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**Jan Jones** - October 22, 2016 at 07:54 PM

CC

“ *So, so sorry about the loss of your dear John David. I remember all the sweet, and yes, funny stories you would tell while he and Rachel were growing up. What an exceptional young man he grew to be, making such a difference in so many lives. I am sending you my love and support and keeping you in my thoughts and prayers always. Peace.*

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**Christine Campbell** - October 22, 2016 at 08:18 AM

Julie  
Cox

“ No one knew the torment  
That you were going through;  
We all kept on seeing  
The young man we wanted to.



We saw the outward smile,  
But not your inner pain;  
We never really dreamt  
That you'd never smile again.

Forgive us if we failed to see  
The pain that you were in;  
Or if we failed to comprehend;  
Forgive us for that sin.

We pray your tribulation  
Will now forever cease;  
And that your deep sorrows  
Will be replaced by God's eternal peace.

Your pain must have come from a place  
So deep,  
That no matter how much WE LOVED YOU,  
You ached for eternal sleep.

But we in turn remember,  
The good times, not the bad.  
We remember when you laughed with us,  
Not when you were sad.

So when we think about your life,  
We won't dwell upon it's close;  
Remembering all the good times;  
We will cherish those.

All of our lives are richer John David, because you were a part of

*them;  
Goodbye despair!  
Now we leave your soul  
In Almighty God's loving care.*

*(c) Julie Cox Inspired by my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and  
Psalm 23:1.*

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**Julie Cox** - October 22, 2016 at 05:57 AM



“ *Kaye and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray the Lord will give your family strength for the days ahead. I know your Son was loved by many. Prayers and hugs to you and sweet Ina.*  
*Ellyn Cox & Sue*



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**Ellyn Cox** - October 21, 2016 at 07:00 PM

MF

“ *Margie Freeman lit a candle in memory of  
John David Thomas*



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**Margie Freeman** - October 21, 2016 at 06:42 PM

DJ

“ *Diane Johnson lit a candle in memory of John  
David Thomas*



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**Diane Johnson** - October 21, 2016 at 06:36 PM

DJ

*Fauquier High School was blessed to have had Mr. Thomas touch the lives of students, faculty, and staff. My prayer is that God will grant you peace and bring you comfort in all of the days to follow.*

**Diane Johnson** - October 21, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John David Thomas .*



October 21, 2016 at 04:27 PM

MM

“ *Kaye and family:  
Joe and I are so sorry for the loss of your son. We share in your sorrow as we also feel the pain of losing a son at that age although it was five years ago. Our children are so precious and are surely watching over us. I can't think of any comforting thoughts to convey as this is such a trying time for you that words will not help right now. But rest assured that family and friends will aid you in your grief. We are still here in Crossridge. Missing you as a neighbor  
Joe and Mary Moyer*

**Mary Moyer** - October 21, 2016 at 03:03 PM

GL

*Kaye, Ina, and Rachel , so sorry for your loss of John David. Although kin and I can't be there today, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all and that you can somehow through God's grace find peace through this grief.*

*Gail & Kin*

**Gail & Kin Lincoln** - October 22, 2016 at 01:47 PM

LV

“Mr. Thomas is the most awesome teacher!” is what every one of his students said about him. He gave SOOOO much to each and every one of his students. His room during advisory and after school would be overflowing with students, some who came for help with Chemistry, some who came for encouragement, and some who came just to be in such an inviting and relaxing environment. He had a unique way of making each student feel valued and special as he encouraged them to be the best that they could be. As his colleague, I was privileged to know him. I will miss his engaging conversations. He never hesitated to help another teacher with anything that they needed. When I asked a few teachers to help cover my after school Robotics Club meeting last week, not only did Mr. Thomas immediately reply that he would cover but he also offered to cover anytime that I would need him. He gave so much of himself to the school. His impact on his students and his friends here at Fauquier High will long be felt as we will continue to daily miss his smiling face, his friendship, and his excellence of teaching. So many hearts are so saddened by his loss. He was loved by so many. Although I cannot attend the services Saturday due to a conflict, please know that my thoughts and prayers go to all of his friends and family.

*Blessings and peace,*

*Liz Violet, Fauquier High School*

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**Liz Violet** - October 21, 2016 at 01:59 PM

 Krystin Shubert

“Mr Thomas has truly touched many students with his teachings and his kind heart, he will forever be remembered.



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**Krystin Shubert** - October 20, 2016 at 10:20 PM

SB

“ *Scott And Mona Bennett lit a candle in memory of John David Thomas*



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**Scott and Mona Bennett** - October 20, 2016 at 06:41 PM

SF

“ *Kaye, I am so very sorry for your loss. You may remember that we lost our daughter in 1998, so my heart aches for what you are going through. God bless you and Rachel. You are both in my thought and prayers.*

*~Sammye Foster~ (Donahoe)*

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**Sammye Foster** - October 20, 2016 at 06:29 PM

MS

“ *Mary Jo Sears lit a candle in memory of John David Thomas*



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**Mary Jo Sears** - October 20, 2016 at 04:06 PM

JT

“ Words can not express the sadness that this news has brought to our family. Kaye, you and Rachel are in our prayers as you deal with the greatest loss, a son, a brother. We know that he was a shining light in your life, and see that he was also one to the many students and parents who have posted about him here and on Facebook. While it is hardly a consolation, the thoughts confirm how much of a difference he made in his short life with us. We are sorry that we can not be at the celebration of life and we have sent flowers from Airabella's to New Prospect Church in Hurt. We will be there in thought and spirit. Sending love and healing comfort to you. May each sunrise hold more promise and each moonrise hold more peace.



*Jamie and Robert*

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**Jamieson Thomas** - October 20, 2016 at 03:36 PM

JM

“ My condolences to the entire Thomas family. I did not know John or his parents but his grandfather Dr Pendleton E. Thomas was my gynecologist in Richmond many years ago. He was a wonderful doctor and I thought a lot of him. Prayers for comfort and peace for the family.

*Joyce Mende*

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**Joyce Mende** - October 20, 2016 at 03:19 PM

CC

“ Kay, so very sorry to learn of the passing of your son, John David! Please know my thoughts & prayers are with you & your family! While sadness is in the hearts of all who loved him, still there are blessings & memories we can refer to from time to time. It overjoyed my heart that John David made such an impact on the students whom he taught....It's with gratitude that we can know how his students felt about him. As you pick up & stay strong, know God will always be with you. Connie Carraway-Hardee



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**Connie Carraway-Hardee** - October 20, 2016 at 12:38 PM

MD

“ Kaye, Rachel, and Ina. Words cannot express our shock and sadness at this news. Our condolences to you and the entire family. Mike and Brenda Davis

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**Mike Davis** - October 20, 2016 at 11:59 AM

KC

“ Kim Connolly lit a candle in memory of John David Thomas



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**Kim Connolly** - October 20, 2016 at 11:36 AM

RW

“ Although I did not know John David, I do know his mother. Kaye continues to be an inspiration to the lives she touches, so it was no surprise when I read about how great a teacher John David was. To read comments from his students warms the heart. Kaye and family, please continue to let those thoughts warm your hearts. My thoughts are with you all.  
*Robert Winecoff*

Robert Winecoff - October 20, 2016 at 09:40 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of John David Thomas .



October 20, 2016 at 09:38 AM

JE

“ I never personally met Mr. Thomas but my son had him for Chemistry last year. He was my son's favorite teacher, it was the only class that he really liked to talk about. He was a great teacher, the students absolutely adored him, and we have lost a teacher that was making a difference.

jenn - October 20, 2016 at 08:13 AM

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jenn - October 20, 2016 at 08:12 AM

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jenn - October 20, 2016 at 08:11 AM

JE

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jenn - October 20, 2016 at 08:09 AM



“ John was more than a teacher, but a friend. This just doesn't apply to me, but to many of the wonderful people that he's taught. He was a good man with a good heart, and was willing to help people in any possible way he could.

*Thank you for everything, and I pray you will watch over us students as we begin our journey into adulthood.*

*-Hunter Workman*

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**Hunter Workman** - October 19, 2016 at 11:07 PM

Gillian  
Hordusky

“ *Mr. Thomas thank you for your kindness. I will always think of you when I see an extremely striped or plaid button down. I'll never forget how hard you worked with me in your class and how you were always available to talk to whether it be helping me with all my Chem homework or my newest drama. You are one of the most special teachers I've ever had and I would not have made it to CNU without you. Rest Easy Mr. Thomas.*



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**Gillian Hordusky** - October 19, 2016 at 09:31 PM

TR

“ *Tamie Robinson lit a candle in memory of John David Thomas*



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**Tamie Robinson** - October 19, 2016 at 02:10 PM

DH

“ *Kaye and Rachel,*

*Sending my love and heartfelt prayers to you.  
Love,  
Dee Hailey*

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**Dee Hailey** - October 19, 2016 at 12:27 PM

KV

“ Today, October 14th, 2016, the world lost the most amazing and compassionate teacher in our time. Mr. John Thomas, Fauquier's most loved Chemistry teacher passed on to heaven at around midnight (according to Fauquier Times Newspaper). Our loss devastated all of faculty and majority of students. Tears were shed, memories shared, and questions asked. We all will miss Mr. Thomas dearly. We remember the music extra credit, oreo treats, food labs, and just his cheerful, kind and giving personality, and relatable teaching style. Despite being only 28 years old, he knew how to make chemistry class fun even though it was challenging. We remember his preppy style and soccer passion. I remember his giving heart. He gave me his earbuds when I had trouble focusing on a test, and I still have them. Rest in peace Mr. Thomas. You are loved, and will be missed. My prayers go out to your family and friends. Sincerely, Kelley Violett (ap and regular chemistry student)



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**Kelley Violett** - October 19, 2016 at 12:01 PM

EF

Prayers for everyone whose life he's touched, as well for his family 🙏

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**Elizabeth Furr** - October 19, 2016 at 09:40 PM

SB

“ *Kay, Ina and Family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,  
Sue Blackstock*



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**Sue Blackstock** - October 19, 2016 at 11:54 AM

CF

“ *Carmen Mendez Fuller lit a candle in memory of John David Thomas*



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**Carmen Mendez Fuller** - October 19, 2016 at 10:37 AM

KW

“ *Kathy Krantz Walker lit a candle in memory of John David Thomas*



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**Kathy Krantz Walker** - October 19, 2016 at 10:08 AM

RW

“ *Ralph Woods lit a candle in memory of John David Thomas*



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**Ralph Woods** - October 18, 2016 at 08:09 PM

RM

“ *Ina, Kay, and family, We are so sorry for your loss of your loved one. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts. He will truly be missed. R.L., Jr., Ricki, and R.L., III. The Mattox Family*



**Ricki Mattox** - October 18, 2016 at 02:50 PM

JD

“ *Joyce Dalton lit a candle in memory of John David Thomas*



**Joyce Dalton** - October 18, 2016 at 01:26 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Roark sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Thomas*



**Nancy Roark** - October 17, 2016 at 05:30 PM

NR

*My heart aches for all of you. My prayers are with you.*

**Nancy Roark** - October 17, 2016 at 05:33 PM

TA

*Kay and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. May you find the peace of God during this difficult time. Praying for you -*

**Thelma Ambrose** - October 19, 2016 at 10:50 AM

PD

“ *Phyllis & Glenn Dalton lit a candle in memory  
of John David Thomas*



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**Phyllis & Glenn Dalton** - October 17, 2016 at 02:46 PM