



## Samuel Derick Thomas

November 8, 1935 - October 11, 2025

Samuel Derrick Thomas, 89, passed away Saturday, October 11, 2025 after a brief illness. Born November 8, 1935 in Rains, S.C. to the late Tyson and Janie Page, he was the oldest of eight children.

Derrick, or Sam, as he went by both depending on who he was around, was a naturally curious person his entire life, especially when it came to science, medicine and art. And throughout his life, he was devoted to all three.

After attending The Art Institute of Atlanta, Thomas enjoyed oil painting, photography, videography and building things, including the first family home that he, his father and his brothers built on Whitemarsh Island in Savannah.

He was also a graduate of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. It was his degree from here that Thomas used for his career in X-Ray and Laboratory Management for several hospitals throughout Georgia and South Carolina. He came back home in 1988 to manage the medical laboratory at Loris Community Hospital prior to his retirement in 1998.

Thomas was also known for his videography business, Video Memories, which saw him document countless area weddings, receptions and other functions for nearly 20 years.

He is predeceased by: one sister, Judy Kaye Thomas, one brother, Eugene "Gene" (Judy) Thomas; and one son, Derrick Brian Thomas.

Thomas is survived by: his wife of 64 years, Sandra; daughter Shannon Jordan (Michael); three grandsons: Edison Jordan, Merritt Jordan and Weston Thomas (Madison Hallman); one great granddaughter, Riley Lynn Thomas; one sister, Frankie T. Bone; and four brothers: Jack, John (Linda), Nelson and William (Peaches) Thomas.

A visitation service will be held Saturday, October 18, from 3-5 p.m. at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Conway.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway, is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery, Savannah, Georgia

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
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Conway, SC 29526  
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# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Jackie and Joey Park purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Samuel Derick Thomas.



Jackie and Joey Park - October 17, 2025 at 09:03 AM

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“ Jackie and Joey Park planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel Derick Thomas.

Jackie and Joey Park - October 17, 2025 at 09:03 AM

VC

“ I was born and raised in Conway, Horry County, SC, and read Mr. Thomas' obituary this morning. My most sincere condolences to his family. I did not have the pleasure of ever knowing him, but I am deeply moved by his education and career. I was born 8 years after he was born, and there were not many young people (men and women) who went to college after graduating high school. I am so impressed that he did and his success that followed. May he rest in peace. I am sure he made his parents proud. Great job.

Vickie J. Cooper - October 17, 2025 at 05:39 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May cherished memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for family and friends at this time. Isaiah 41:10

Kathryn - October 16, 2025 at 02:55 PM