



Thomas Earl Sheppard Sr

February 2, 1940 - December 26, 2020

Thomas Earl Sheppard Sr. was born February 2, 1940 in Carthage, Texas to George and Lee Mary Sheppard. Thomas passed away at the age of 80 years old, on December 26, 2020 at Enloe Hospital in Chico, California. He received his formal education at Selma High School, in Selma, California where he graduated in 1956. As a young adult, he went on to pursue his career as a cement finisher which took him to Banning, California where he met and married his first wife Charlene. From that union one son was born Desmond Sheppard. Thomas then moved to San Diego, California where he met his second wife Cornellia Adams affectionately known as "Anita", and from that union two children were born, son Thomas Sheppard Jr. and daughter Charla Page (Sheppard).

He moved his family to Chico, California where he spent most of his career working for Cunningham Construction, working side by side with his brother-in-law Elbert Cunningham. He then met his longtime girlfriend Elaine. They enjoyed their lives together while sharing the joys of raising her three daughters Jasmine, Khadijah, and Jalisa.

Some of his greatest pastimes were spending time with his family, going to the casino, watching the Lakers, and fishing. Thomas' passion for fishing came from his father. That was something so greatly instilled in him, he made sure he kept that fishing spirit alive by passing it along to all the Sheppard men. Andre, Lafayette, Maury, and Thomas Jr. will continue to carry on that family tradition.

Thomas is preceded in death by his Mother (Lee Mary), Father (George), Baby Sister (Lillie), first wife (Charlene), second wife (Cornellia), and longtime partner (Elaine).

He is survived by his sister Dolly Solomon of Chico, CA, brother Travis Sheppard of San Diego, CA, Nephew/Son Andre Steele of Chico, CA.

Three Children: Desmond Sheppard of Los Angeles, CA, Thomas Sheppard Jr. (wife Tanisha) of San Diego, CA, and Charla Page (husband Corey) of Murrieta, CA.

Ten Grandchildren: Demiana, Desmond Jr., LaChantay, Romero, Thomas Sheppard III, Khadeejah, Milton, Rayna, Amaurie, Aaliyah.

Two Great Grandchildren: Khaliah and Joshua.

And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones.

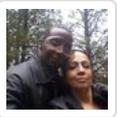
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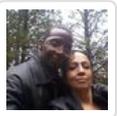
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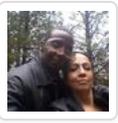
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“ Our heart felt condolences to the. Family of Thomas Earl who will love in our hearts and minds for ever until we meet him in our lords beautiful kingdom .I have a wonderful memory,and one of the greatest if not the Greatest compliment of my life . Thomas Earl stop by Ray and my house one day about 5 year as ago actually.It w as always a surprise visit each time he came over and on one of those visits I went to greet him outside when he pulled up to our house Ray following behind me .we talked and laughed while we visited with him when the conversation turned in to people who have hero's in there life .I then spoke up and said to the group visiting at our house and turned to face Thomas Earl . I proceeded to tell him and company that my husband Ray said to me a couple of weeks before this That when he grew up he wanted to grow up to be just like Thomas Earl .everyone smiled and Laughed and then i said I Believed Ray and laughed more because my husband was around 57 years old at the time now he is 61 now but doesn't look his age .Then my dear friend Thomas Earl said something that I will never forget. He then look ray and everyone else there with us that even though Ray wants to grow up to be him That even so That Rays is his hero . We all looked and suddenly got quiet and we all looked to Thomas Earl hearing him say those words and he continued to say the touching words I have ever heard spoken to he then said that Ray was his Hero because he was with me . And that anyone blessed enough to be with me is got to be above all the rest .these words spoken had made me eyes tear up because he isa man who dose not give out those kind of compliments to anyone . I then after he spoke those words turned to him that he had given me a compliment of a life time and I thanked him for it then I procedded to then inform him that he might not be saying that compliment if he only thought about it because he might change his mind about me he asked me why what did I mean I said then because you don't live with me if he did you probably wouldn't say it . We all laughed and I have him a huge hug and kisses his cheek and said O.G. . Thank you for giving me a compliment the best compliment of my life and that I was proud and honored that it was he who said it to me. I will cherish his laughter and smile for ever and O.G. until we see one another again

You have a party of a lifetime and Thomas Earl save me a Dance forr whenI get there ok butt not yet not to soon ok but when I do get home I want My dance O.G. ok Enjoy paradise . Ray and I Love you .

Margaret Mosqueda - January 18 at 06:25 AM