



Thomas Harper Doss

December 15, 1958 - June 6, 2021

Thomas Harper Doss, 62, affectionately known by his friends and family as “Tom” or “Cornbread”, passed away on June 6, 2021. Born a twin in Bridgeton, New Jersey, Thomas was the son of the late Mrs. Fannie Mae Doss and Mr. Criswell Harper. He was married to Addie Kendricks Doss (predeceased). Thomas was a resident of Fairfield Township, New Jersey for over 40 years. For most of his childhood, he resided in Brotmanville, New Jersey.

Thomas graduated from Arthur P. Schalick High School in 1978. He was a proud product of Seabrook, Pittsgrove Township and Vineland Public Schools. In 1980 Thomas enrolled at Glassboro State College, currently known as Rowan University. There, he was a member of Phi Beta Sigma, Fraternity Inc. (Spring81'). While in high school and college, Thomas was a standout, all-around, student athlete. He played basketball, football, baseball and ran track, which earned him many distinguished accolades.

As an active member of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Union (IFPTE - Local 195), Thomas exhibited a strong work ethic. He was employed by Vineland Developmental Center, Vineland, NJ, for 39 years. Prior to that, he worked at Manpower and Kimble Glass Inc. also in Vineland, NJ. Maintaining a job and being self-sufficient was instilled in him early-on by his beloved mother and father.

Thomas was the eighth of ten children; five boys and five girls. He had the added bonus of being a twin. Thomas and his twin, Timothy (AKA “Biscuit”), had an incredibly close, loving bond. When you saw one, you typically would see the other; both handsome, with infectious smiles, stylish attire, kind words and vast jokes. From working, to shopping, to barbecuing, “The Twins” enthusiastically embraced life together, as a beautiful, invincible team. A team which also included many of their dear friends.

Thomas loved family, food, laughter, music, and dance. Tall in stature, he was a gentle soul; one of the nicest people you could ever meet. He had an amazing sense of humor, infectious smile and took great pride in seeing others happy. At family gatherings, Thomas

never disappointed; he always seemed to impress with a “back in the day” dance move, that left everyone in awe, particularly, the younger generations.

In addition to being a charismatic storyteller, Thomas was very concerned about the wellbeing of others (especially his nieces and nephews), who knew that they had to be “ready” for Uncle Tom’s “unique questioning” regarding their lives; questioning that helped him gauge whether they were okay and were leading positive, productive lives. For, it was through him, that many of them as children, learned how to drive, ride bikes, play sports, braid hair and gain other important, practical life skills. The imprint that he has left on their lives and the lives of many others is truly a blessing.

To cherish his precious memory, he leaves two sisters; Dorothy M. Hall (Charles, predeceased) Somerset, NJ and Ruthie Mack (Reverend John) Cedarville, NJ as well as three brothers, Vaughn Doss (Olive) Bridgeton, NJ, Timothy Doss “twin”, Bridgeton, NJ, Kenneth Doss, (Loretta) Sicklerville, NJ and a Brother-in-Law, Lester Pegues (Barbara Jean, sister - predeceased) and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and friends in Florida, Georgia, Washington D.C., Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey and Virginia. Three sisters and one brother preceded Thomas in death; Joyce Doss, Barbara Jean Pegues, Ruby Haqq and Robert Doss, Jr.

Relatives and friends are invited to his viewing and funeral on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. Services will be held at Heavensway Beth-Shaun Baptist Church, 1029 E. Landis Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08360, Rev. John Wesley Mack, Sr., Pastor. The viewing will be from 9:00am - 11:00am with the funeral service immediately, following at 11:00am. The interment will be in Cedar Hill Memorial Park, 457 Greenwich Rd., Hopewell Township, NJ 08302. In order to protect the safety of all, attendees are asked to please wear a mask.

Cemetery

Cedar Hill Memorial Park
Bridgeton Greenwich Road
Hopewell Township, NJ,

Events

JUN 23 Visitation 09:00AM - 11:00AM
Heavensway Beth -Shaun Baptist Church
1029 East Landis Ave., Vineland, NJ, US, 08363

JUN 23 Service 11:00AM
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Comments



“ My deepest condolences to his beloved family. I have known him over 40 years and during that time we became neighbors. Always a gentleman and always kind. He will be forever missed. Rest Well gentle giant.

Bertha Brooks - July 23 at 10:46 PM



“ Sending prayers and comfort to the family. A longtime friend growing up in Brotmanville community. Will be missed. Greatest memories.

Dennis Reaves - June 23 at 11:07 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. So many great memories from grade school, high school and VDC. Sleep soundly in peace Tom. Hugs and prayers to you Tim and your family.



Marion Allen - June 23 at 10:07 AM



“ Jeanine Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Thomas Harper Doss



Jeanine Sullivan - June 23 at 01:21 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of Cornbread.He was truly a great friend and good listener. I will truly miss him.My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.Biscuit,Cornbread will always live inside of you and will walk side by side with you always.May God watch over you and your family and help you through this very difficult time.

Jeanine Sullivan - June 23 at 01:29 AM



“ Ted, I'm sorry for your loss brother. My prayers, condolences, and respect for you and the family. I have great memories of growing up with my Bread Brothers as lifelong friends.

Tom was a good friend with a great sense of humor and a quick grin.
Rest In Peace Cornbread.

GW - June 22 at 09:44 PM



“ THE DOUGLAS FAMILY IS STREACHING OUR ARMS AROUND THE FAMILY TO COMFORT YOU IN YOUR LOSS,, SENDING OUT OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMIL

LORENE DOUGLAS WILLIS - June 22 at 09:12 AM



“ Sharing your sadness as I remember Tom. My condolences to the family.

Anna Cannon Alexander - June 22 at 07:45 AM



“ Vaughn and family ... so sorry to read of the loss of your brother. Know that I am praying for you and lifting your names into the atmosphere for comfort,



Karen E Barnett - June 22 at 03:31 AM



“ Vaughn and family, Sending condolences to you and lifting your in prayer. God bless,
Rosanne F Cervone

Rosanne F Cervone - June 20 at 07:11 PM



“ Uncle Tom 🙄

Aja Doss - June 20 at 12:02 AM



“ Ms. JoAnn Beverly- Erbie lit a candle in memory of Thomas Harper Doss



Ms. JoAnn Beverly- Erbie - June 19 at 06:36 PM



“ Sending Comforting Prayers to Twin Tim and family (Eric Adams) GOD BLESS!

Eric Adams - June 22 at 11:13 AM



“ So Sorry to hear of the passing of Tom, To the family I pray that God will give you the peace that passes all understanding as only He can, Tom will be sorrowfully missed

With Love

James and Joanne Lee

Joanne Lee - June 22 at 10:04 PM



“ Vaughn, just wanted you to know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Diane Lang - July 28 at 09:40 PM