



Samuel Gordon Thomas

December 1, 1999 - August 2, 2014

North Hampton – Samuel G. Thomas, 14, of North Hampton, passed into the presence of the Lord on Saturday, August 2, 2014 at his home surrounded by his family after a four year valiant battle with rhabdomyosarcoma.

He was born December 1, 1999 in Exeter, the son of Paul R. and Lynne (Gordon) Thomas.

Sam attended Portsmouth Christian Academy and North Hampton Elementary School.

He attended Hampton Falls First Baptist Church and with his strong faith enjoyed Vacation Bible School and the junior high youth group . He had a bright, wonderful smile and was a faithful friend and loving son and brother. His sweet, encouraging, caring and cheerful spirit touched many. He enjoyed all kinds of music, especially contemporary christian music, and most recently big band and swing music. He loved to play soccer, video and board games.

In addition to his parents, family members include his sister, Hannah Gordon Thomas of North Hampton; his maternal grandparents, John and Joyce Gordon, Jr. of Keene; his paternal grandparents, William and Theresa Thomas of Marlborough; two aunts, Lesley Gordon Wasko and husband Ron and daughter Meg, and Linda Mooney; three uncles, Steven, Bruce and

James Thomas; and several other cousins.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 P.M. Sunday, August 17, 2014 at Hampton Falls First Baptist Church. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Hampton Falls First Baptist Church, c/o Youth Ministry, 3 Lincoln Avenue, Hampton Falls, NH 03844; The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, 555 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven, CT 06511; or to the Jimmy Fund Clinic, Attn: Lisa Scherber, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. The Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton, assisted with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Hampton Falls
3 Lincoln Avenue
Hampton Falls, NH 03844
(603) 926-3724

Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Gordon Thomas*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *I can not begin to imagine how you are feeling. I know my heart is broken. I feel very privileged to have gotten to know Sam and to spend time with my friend Lynn during their many visits to Boston Children's Hospital. Sam was always so brave, so funny. I smile when I think about him rolling his eyes as his Mom and I would be chatting on and on.*

He fought so hard, he was so full of life. This child was truly a blessing.

Lynn, Paul and Hannah, you are in my thoughts and prayers everyday.

Love, Kristin MacLellan Leonard

Kristin - August 16, 2014 at 08:44 AM



“ *Sam walked into eighth grade with determination and knowledge far above his years, yet was humble in getting such positive feedback from his wonderful teachers at North Hampton School. After completing a monologue about immigration as if he had written a book about it himself, I started to see that this kid wasn't going to use his cancer and treatments as an excuse for anything. He truly amazed me and infused the rest of the class with his enthusiasm to learn new things. My heart goes out to your family for this terrible loss but please know that he will be remembered by all of us forever.*

Mrs. K (Jenny)

Jenny Karnacewicz - August 11, 2014 at 09:58 PM

AD

“ Dear Lynne, Paul, and Hannah,

The last time I saw Sam he was just a tot...I was so very sad to hear of his passing. I send you love and pray that you will find comfort in the memories he leaves you. I can only imagine how difficult the past few years have been and how utterly unbearable his loss is to you all. I am so sorry.

This poem has always been special to me and I'll share it with you.

Love, Ann DuFresne

A Child Is Loaned

“I'll lend you for a time a child of Mine”

He said

“For you to love the while he lives and mourn for when he's dead. It may be six or seven years, or twenty two or three. But will you, till I call him back take care of him for me?

He'll bring his charms to gladden you, and should his stay be brief, You'll have his lovely memories as solace for your grief.

I cannot promise he will stay, since all from earth return,

But there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn.

I've looked this wide world over in my search for teachers true,

And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes, I have selected you.

Now will you give him all your love, nor think the labor vain,

Nor hate Me when I come to call and take him back again?”

I fancied when I heard them say;

“Dear Lord, your will be done.

For all the joy your child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run;

We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may;

And for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay.

But should the angels call for him much sooner than we've planned,

We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand.

~Author Unknown~

Some say: (written by Edgar Guest, published in the Fort Worth Star mid 1930s)

Ann DuFresne - August 10, 2014 at 08:32 PM

LR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am a friend of Joyce Gordon's and we sing together in Keene Pops Choir. For the past two years I have been following Sam's progress and asking Joyce every week or so how he was doing. I know he put up a good fight and gave it everything that was had to beat this disease. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and hope that it is some small comfort that so many people care and send their love.
Linda Rose, Keene, NH

Linda Rose - August 10, 2014 at 09:50 AM

DB

“ Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, You would walk with me all the way; but I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why in times when I need you most you should leave me?" The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you, and would never, never leave youwhen you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."-Footprints Prayer
.... I am personally blessed that Sam inspires me and renewed my faith in God especially in challenging times. Professionally, he and your family affirmed my passion to teach children....It is a privilege to have so many fond memories of 'Sam the Man' and to know that he taught all of us life-long lessons.....Sam, you and your smile will continue to light up our lives!- God's Blessings and continued prayers for the Thomas Family.
Love, Mrs. Brown (Deborah Brown)



Deborah J. Brown - August 09, 2014 at 09:35 AM

CA

“ Please accept my condolences. As a mother I can only imagine the pain you must be feeling. I pray that you find some comfort in knowing that God will “swallow up death”, Isaiah 25:8 and there will be a “resurrection”, John 5:28:29.

Carlette - August 09, 2014 at 05:09 AM

DI

“ *Thomas Family,*
I have been blessed to have known your whole family since Sam was in preschool. We all knew then what a special and wonderful child he was. He had the best smile and would always be the one to do something to help out first. Our prayers are with you all in this most difficult time. May you find comfort and peace in the Lord, and I pray he gives you strength in the days ahead.
Diane Pineo

diane - August 08, 2014 at 03:36 PM

GC

“ *We feel very blessed to have shared some time with Sam and his family last year at Massachusetts General Hospital. Sam will always be very special to us. The light of love and the wisdom of the ages shone in his eyes. His smile illuminated the room and our hearts and obviously the hearts of all who knew him. We send our deepest sympathy to Lynne and Paul and Hannah.*
Bob and Geri Calabro

Geraldine Calabro - August 08, 2014 at 03:18 PM

DM

“ My prayers are w/ all who knew him and brought him happiness..



Donna M Miller - August 08, 2014 at 06:49 AM

PY

“ My thoughts and prayers continue for you all. When I think of Sam I remember the conversation that we had when he was in 6th grade. I was telling him how it drove me crazy (I teach PE) when kids would come and try to get out of class for a hangnail or some other little excuse. I knew that Sam would have given anything to be able to participate in class at that point! He turned to me and said "just tell them to suck it up!" I said I wish I could Sam but as a teacher I really can't. I would love to have a poster of that on the wall in the gym! Even when Sam couldn't participate in class, he was a referee (his favorite thing to do!). He always had a smile for everyone! Sam made me a better teacher and a better person and I will miss his smile and quick wit. Thank you to the Thomas family for sharing him with us!

Pat Yeaton

Pat Yeaton - August 07, 2014 at 10:24 AM

PV

“ My deepest sympathy on your loss of Sam. Two things come to mind when I think of Sam. The first is his contagious smile and how proud he was at graduation. He was loved and will be missed. I was blessed to have known him and the entire Thomas family. Holding you close in my prayers and in my heart.

Patti Venenga - August 07, 2014 at 10:06 AM

DB

Amen.

Deborah J. Brown - August 09, 2014 at 09:44 AM