

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



# *Thomas H. Kirby, Jr.*

*Sunrise: December 30, 1967*

*Sunset: December 7, 2015*

Saturday, December 12, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.

**GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating  
Bobby Arrington, Organist*

**Final Disposition**

*Oxford Hills Crematory • Chester, New York*

## Obituary

**Thomas H. Kirby, Jr.** was born to Thomas H. Kirby, Sr. and Benita Hood on December 30, 1967. Thomas was a fun and loving person. He cared for others and was always willing to help in any way he possibly could. Thomas was a very humble and giving person. He was a devoted husband and father and loved his wife, Avalon and four boys dearly. They were his world and he made sure they knew that they meant everything to him.

Thomas leaves behind: his wife of thirteen years, Avalon and his four sons, Shane (25), Javon (16) Avonte (13) and Kyle (9); his daughter-in-law, India (23) and four grandchildren, Javontae (6), Chamyla (5), Chaise (4) and Ashtin (1); his caring father, Thomas Kirby, Sr.; two sisters, Kaian Kirby and Lysa Adams; brother-in-law, Marvin Adams; two nephews, Che and Tyler; two very close cousins, Avril and Charmaine; and a host of other family members.

### *Quotes from the children:*

Shane 25,

Thomas was a great person. He cared for my mother the way she needed to be cared for and the way that she deserved to be cared for. My little brother and my mom meant everything to Thomas and for that alone he will always have my utmost respect. Thomas was a friend and also a mentor to me. He meant a lot to my family and he will be missed.

Javon 16,

Thomas was a great father that loved his kids very much. He taught us many lessons and made us see the good in all situations. He made this family very happy and made us stay together when we most needed it. I miss Thomas very much and so does the rest of my family. May he RIP.

Avonte 13

My father was a loving, caring and brilliant man. Even though I wasn't doing the best in school, my father was still there for me to help me with so much love and without it I don't know what I would have done. My father always used to tell me that he loved me, but I would always feel embarrassed and never say I love you back. I never got to tell him that I really, sincerely and truly love him. But now I really regret not telling him. If I could at least have another hour with my dad, I would be right next to him wherever he went. I pray whoever was cold hearted and brave enough to take away my father's life is willing to come out and man up to their crimes. RIP Daddy, I will miss you. And I LOVE YOU!

Kyle 9

My father is a great man. He was funny and generous. He touched many peoples lives by caring for them and helping them. He was awesome to me. He meant everything to me and was an example for all of us. He was brave. He would have done anything to keep us safe. That's what I loved most about him. He never would have given up on us.

India 23

Thomas was truly an angel sent. He was the true definition of a man. He was the head of this household, a provider by any means and the backbone of this family. Shane and I live in Indiana with our children, but he made it a point to call and check on us, to make sure the children were okay. We hadn't spoke in a while and my text message simply said, "Hope all is well." His response was "everything is good baby girl. Mom is stressing because of work as usual, but I have a strong back and strong arms. I'll shoulder her and make sure she remembers her worth." He was an example to all men and definitely the definition of what a man truly is! We love you Thomas you will be missed.

### *Quote from his wife:*

Avalon

My husband who was my rock, my strength, my best friend and my love, you are missed dearly. He gave me everything a wife and a mother could ever ask for. There are no words that can explain why this occurred but I will find peace and carry him in my heart until God decides to unite us again in the afterlife.

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