

CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF



*Staff Sgt. Waymon Thomas*

**SUNRISE**  
July 16, 1953

**SUNSET**  
July 23, 2022

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 03, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.**

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*Rev. Petero Sabune*

# Obituary

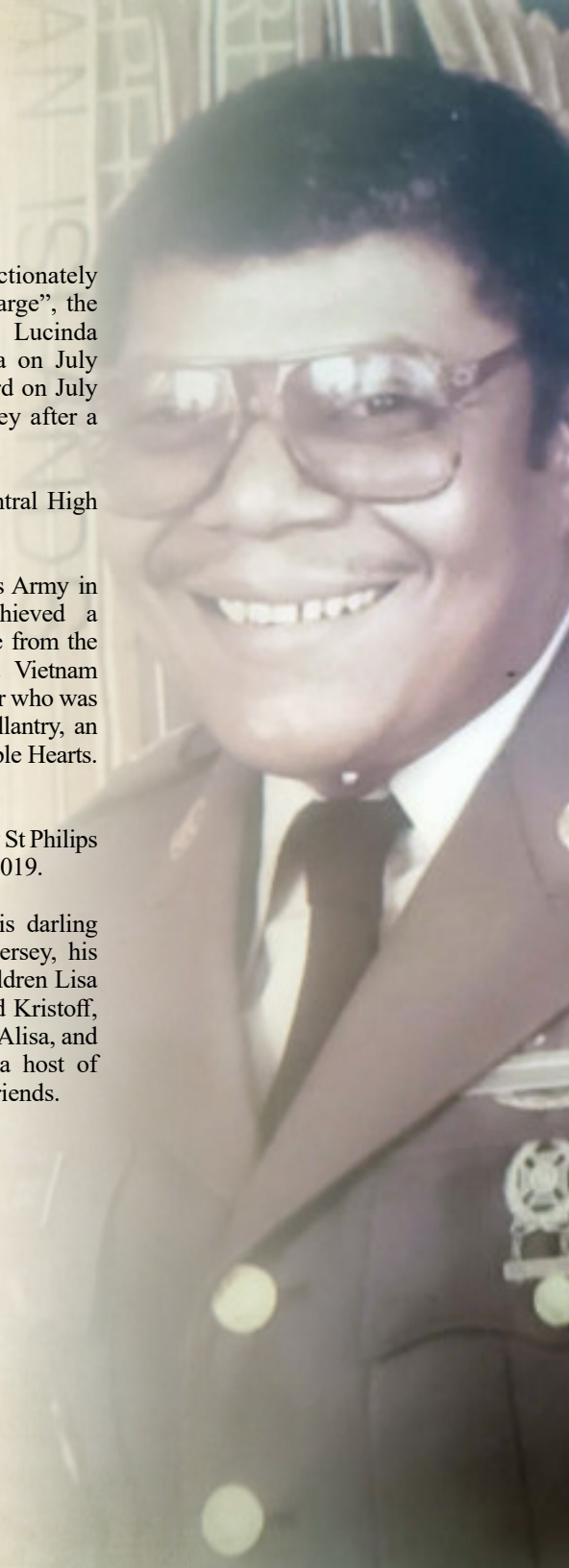
**Waymon Melrose Thomas** affectionately called “The Baby Whisperer” or “Sarge”, the oldest of three boys, was born to Lucinda Hazel Thomas of Sylvania, Georgia on July 16, 1953. He went to be with the Lord on July 23, 2022 in West Orange, New Jersey after a brief illness.

He attended and graduated from Central High School in Sylvania, Georgia in 1962.

He was drafted into the United States Army in 1964. During his service, he achieved a bachelor’s degree in computer science from the University of Maryland. He was a Vietnam Veteran and a Command Sargent Major who was awarded a Silver Star, a Cross of Gallantry, an Expert Markman Badge, and Two Purple Hearts. He retired from the Army in 1995.

Waymon worked as a sexton for Trinity St Philips Cathedral in Newark from 2005 until 2019.

He leaves to cherish his memory his darling wife Doreen of Maplewood, New Jersey, his brothers Munroe and Frederick, 2 children Lisa and Grant, stepchildren Michel’le and Kristoff, and his grandchildren Abigail, Adein, Alisa, and Camden. He also leaves to mourn a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



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Most just do the basics. Trying to get by

Some will do the impossible. To change the course of  
fate Making sure that someone lives. When it almost  
seems too late

Some may just get lucky. But most pay for their gift.  
And so heroes live forever. As their stories we do lift

*Robert B Longley*



## *Acknowledgment*

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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