



Thomas Pride

July 22, 1929 - February 4, 2025

Thomas Eugene Pride was born on July 22, 1929 in Barton Alabama to Percy Pride and Armenta Oates Pride. His brothers Howard, Lloyd and David, sister Lola Fay and half siblings Percy, James and Lorraine all preceded him in death. He grew up surrounded by extended family, with relatives up and down Red Rock Road where he lived.

After high school, Thomas joined the US Air Force. While stationed at Selfridge Air Force Base in Mt Clemens, Michigan, he met Esther Lee Perry at a dance, where she was a USO volunteer. After he left the Air Force, they married. To this union were born three children: Ronald, Linda and Cheryl. Later in life, he spent many years with his loving companion, Sylvia "Sweets" McCollins, who preceded him in death.

Thomas spent his career working for the United States Postal Service. He started working the afternoon shift, and every day, his children would send him off saying "Good-bye, don't forget!" They were hoping he wouldn't forget to bring them a treat from the vending machine! Every once in a while, they would wake up to a treat on the kitchen table. But over time, "Don't Forget" became an affectionate shorthand for "Good-bye."

Thomas worked his way up the ranks at the Post Office, becoming an Industrial Engineer. He was always a good saver, and was able to take an early retirement.

Thomas was quiet by nature, but he was a loving force in the lives of his family and friends. He enjoyed taking care of his lawn and home, and once his

daughter's had their own homes, he loaded his lawn mower into his truck to take care of their lawns. He also did odd jobs for the family. He was handy, and he could assemble, install or repair most things himself without calling a professional.

Even after losing his eyesight, he tried to remain as independent as possible. He had a great memory for where things were in the house, and he could talk you through the steps to accomplish something he had done many times. To the end, he kept up with news, politics and sports.

He leaves to cherish his memory his son Ronald and daughters Linda and Cheryl; grandson Thomas Pride; great grandchildren Thomas and Azariah Pride; and honorary goddaughter Gwendolyn Tolbert.

Good-bye, Dad. Don't Forget.

Previous Events

Family and Friends Hour

FEB **22**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Pride*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 22, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Pride*



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“ *Lemonia DeClouette lit a candle in memory of Thomas Pride*



Lemonia DeClouette - February 20, 2025 at 05:51 PM

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To the Pride Family, May love and memories help soften your sorrow and fill you with God's peace. I am thinking of you with caring prayers for the loss of your loved one.

Lemonia DeClouette - February 20, 2025 at 05:57 PM

CP

Thank you Lemonia for your prayers and support.

Cheryl Pride - February 26, 2025 at 02:52 PM

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“ *Sadie Holmon lit a candle in memory of Thomas Pride*



Sadie Holmon - February 11, 2025 at 05:36 PM

SH

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. May the Lord comfort you in your time of sorrow. Just keep holding on.

*Love Cousin Sadie Holmon and Family
Muscle Shoals, AL*

Sadie Holmon - February 11, 2025 at 06:52 PM

CP

Thank you Sadie for your support.

Cheryl Pride - February 12, 2025 at 01:38 PM