



## Max B. Thomas

September 8, 1953 - October 17, 2024

Max B. Thomas turned 71 last month before passing away on Oct 17 in Lexington's Albert B. Chandler Hospital with his loving wife, Cathy Thomas, holding his hand. Born in Shelbyville, Max grew up working in tobacco fields and continued taking on seasonal work long after he pulled his way up the state government chain, becoming a computer programmer on many of Kentucky's most valued software systems. He was also an equity trader, a janitor, and a coach for his three kids' many sports teams. Yet his greatest passion was working for Frankfort's Democratic Party registering voters, helping fundraise, and inspiring civic action on a local and national level. But all of his hard work came second to his love for family. For Max, family was everything.

Max is survived by his wife Cathy; children Marvin Thomas, Louisville, Alex Chew (Wellington), Austin, TX and Deana Thomas of Frankfort. He is also survived by his siblings Denise Williams and Paul Thomas of Shelbyville; and Debbie and Linda Thomas of Louisville; as well as sisters-in-laws Rosiland Greene, Charlene Williams (Thorse), Cindy Garrett and Coliss Ferguson of Louisville. He also had a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins across the South and Midwest who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his father Marvin Thomas, mother Eva Shouse, siblings Pat and Darran Thomas (Donna), along with in-laws Nora and A. D. Ferguson of Mt. Sterling.

Funeral services will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church on Monday,

November 4, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Emily Holladay officiating.  
Visitation will be at Immanuel Baptist Church from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.  
on Monday. Committal services will be private.  
Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home &  
Crematory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Immanuel Baptist Church  
1075 Collins Lane  
Frankfort, KY 40601

## Funeral Service

NOV 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Frankfort, KY 40601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Meeting Max and Cathy, and being in the presence of their dedication and commitment— inspired me so many, many times. Max personified sincere civic engagement. Such a much needed high standard for these times. May we rededicate ourselves in his memory.*



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**Karen Armstrong-Cummings** - November 08, 2024 at 01:08 PM

JC

“ *Cathy & Family  
Prayers for you and your family. I met Max at the Keeneland Race Track & he was always friendly & pleasant.*

*Joyce M Clark*

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**Joyce M Clark** - November 04, 2024 at 10:48 AM

BD

“ Cathy & Family,

*We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Our Franklin County KY Democratic Family and Friends are saddened to hear the passing of one totally awesome "Yellow Dog Democrat", Mr. Max Thomas.*

*Max was a true champion in Franklin County and around Kentucky for the Democratic Party.*

*Max met Democrats from across Kentucky and everyone knew immediately how strong his Democratic values were.*

*He'd tell you that he was an introvert, but no one would believe it. Max Thomas loved politics and always enjoyed being around all Democrats far and near.*

*He worked diligently registering voters,(the most ever in Franklin County) worked very hard to help local and statewide democratic candidates get elected to office.*

*Max also helped Kentuckians learn about the KYNECT Program(KY Affordable Care Benefits) by setting up in several areas to pass out essential materials.*

*Max never missed an opportunity to stay involved with democratic politics. When illness came upon Max, he kept his Family, Friends and the Public informed about the policies and all candidates on the his Facebook page.*

*Max Thomas will truly be missed here on Earth, 🌍 but, we know that God said, "Well Done My Good and Faithful Servant"! Mr. Democrat, Rest In Heaven. 🕊️*

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**Beverly Metcalf & Franklin County Democr** - November 02, 2024 at 09:09 PM



*Bev and other party leaders — such an incredibly powerful tribute to an amazingly dedicated and tireless volunteer for democracy. Blessings to you and to all who loved Max.*

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**Karen Armstrong-Cummings** - November 08, 2024 at 12:57 PM

GS

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Max in State Government. He was a true gentleman and I enjoyed our conversations together. May he rest in Peace.*

*Gary Smith*

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**gary smith** - October 31, 2024 at 05:43 PM

DG

“ *It was always a great pleasure to speak with Max when we met at many Frankfort events.*

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**Debra Graner** - October 30, 2024 at 01:42 PM

NW

“ Cathy, Marvin, Alex, & Deana - I was SO sorry to hear of Max’s death! He was a really fine man, a good husband and father who loved each of you dearly. Max also loved his country, and actively stood up for what he thought was right. He had a tough time with his health issues for the past few years. A dialysis clinic opened up near my house about 2 years ago, and whenever I drive by, I sometimes remember when Max came by the church office right after he’d been told he’d have to undergo dialysis regularly. I remember him sitting there, wearing his hat, processing the sobering news. He mustered up the strength and courage to face the situation head-on, and endured the treatments all these years. I admired him for that, too. Max had a pleasant personality and a caring heart. Conversation was lighthearted and “easy” with him—he was fun to be around. Max will be missed, not just by you, his loving family, but also by many other friends, coworkers, and acquaintances in Frankfort and beyond. Treasure your loving memories of your lives with him, and keep telling the stories! He will remain “alive in your hearts” until you meet him again in heaven. Blessings to all of you as you grieve and honor his life in the coming days. Love to all of you - Naomi Walker

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**Naomi Walker** - October 30, 2024 at 10:33 AM

KA

“ Karen A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Max B. Thomas.

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**Karen A.** - October 29, 2024 at 12:10 PM

DW

“ Max was always willing to help friends when they had troubled times. Cathy and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of your loss.

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**David Waller** - October 29, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ *Max was a great man and supported the Democratic cause like no other. Michael and I send our condolences to the family and friends. We appreciated his support throughout several campaigns.* ”



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**Andrea Mueller** - October 28, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ *Condolences to the Thomas family, I grew up on the same street as Max and his siblings, and you all are in my prayers 🙏❤️* ”



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**Yandell Jone Murphy** - October 26, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *Mary E Bradley lit a candle in memory of Max B. Thomas* ”



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**mary e bradley** - October 25, 2024 at 02:10 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - October 24, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ I met Max while working on the Obama campaign in 2008. We registered voters together at the old Pic Pac market. Max was a dedicated worker for many causes, rain or shine. One of the most decent people I know. Love Cathy too. I did not know he was ill recently. We will miss you my friend. Maybe God can answer some of those questions now. My deepest sympathies to Cathy and the entire family.

Rev. Steven T. Pace - October 23, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ Cathy, my prayers are with you and “the kids”. I enjoyed running into Max as our paths crossed over the years. I always left each encounter with a smile on my face. May the peace of your shared memories, your family, and your love bring you tremendous comfort.

Robin Morley - October 23, 2024 at 02:33 PM

GM

“ Great Very Talented Cousin Praying for Our Family 🙏🙏🙏  
Greg@Pat Murphy

greg Murphy - October 21, 2024 at 10:46 PM

RB

“ So very sorry for your loss! Praying your family finds peace, solace  
and God's grace and mercy as you navigate this journey of grief. 🙏

Rebecca Brown - October 21, 2024 at 09:38 PM

PK

“ So sorry Cathy for you and your family's loss. Max was so nice  
when I worked with him in COT. Prayers for peace, strength and  
comfort.

Patty Kelsey - October 21, 2024 at 02:19 PM