



## Mr. Charles Sammy Thomas

February 20, 1950 - August 24, 2021

Charles Sammy Thomas (Sam), 71, of Alpharetta, GA, passed away on August 24, 2021 after a battle with melanoma.

Sam was born on February 20, 1950 in Decatur, GA to Luther and Lela Thomas. After graduating from Stone Mountain High School in 1968, he attended Georgia State University, B.B.A., 1972, with honors and the University of Georgia, 1975, J.D., cum laude.

He joined the law firm Bovis, Kyle, Burch and Medlin of Atlanta in 1975 and served as the City Attorney for the City of Alpharetta from 1985 until his death.

Sam had a great passion for municipal law and development. During his service to the City of Alpharetta, he authored code that became the standard for development impact fee structures for much of the southeast. In the past decade, he took great pride in the construction of the new Alpharetta downtown area and the Avalon development.

In 1977, he married Dale Thomas of Atlanta, Georgia and had three children, Jared, Laura and Joseph. Sam was a wonderful grandfather and doted on his three grandchildren, Paige, Michael and Anders.

Sam was active in his community and had served as a board member of the Alpharetta Softball Association and the Alpharetta Convention and Visitors

Bureau. He served a term as the president of the Greater Atlanta Christian School Booster Club. He loved the Georgia Bulldogs.

Sam is preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, William Luther, Juanita, and Frances. He is survived by his wife Dale; his three children, Jared (Jennifer) of Atlanta, Laura (Bert) of Roswell and Joseph of Atlanta and his three grandchildren; siblings Beverly and Marguerite.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 27 at 1PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors. The family will receive friends on Friday from 12:30PM to 1PM.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Samaritan's Purse International Relief Fund. [www.samaritanspurse.com](http://www.samaritanspurse.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 27. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Memorial Service

AUG 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Charles Sammy Thomas*



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**Northside Chapel** - August 27, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Mr. Charles Sammy Thomas*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I just found out about the loss of my dear friend, Sam. I worked with Sam at Bovis, Kyle & Burch back in the early 1980's, He was such a nice guy. My sister used to babysit for his children. May he rest in peace. God bless his family.*

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**Nancy Hutchens** - September 17, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ *I have enjoyed working with Sam over the past eight and a half years. I appreciated how he respected the research I did for him on Public Hearing cases. He was a brilliant man who loved the City of Alpharetta. I have a note from him in my office where he told me I was special. I loved his sense of humor. I will miss him. Prayers to his family that he loved so much.*

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**Elicia Taylor** - August 27, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ We were all so blessed to have Sam Thomas guide us through the right things in life. Sam kept me out of trouble every day and there was very seldom a day went by that we did not communicate. He certainly made my job as City Clerk so much easier and legal! I have never met a more honest and caring person. Heaven has gained one of the best and he will certainly be missed by so many. Sam taught me so much both in business and in my person life to be sure to do the right thing and respect everyone. He was fair, honest and a true gentleman. I will miss you Sam Thomas.  
Sue Rainwater

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**Sue Rainwater** - August 27, 2021 at 09:33 AM

LM

“ Sincere condolences to all Sam’s family. My late husband Judge Jim Matoney spoke so highly of him and his service to the City of Alpharetta.

Lois Matoney  
Alpharetta.

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**Lois Matoney** - August 26, 2021 at 03:31 PM

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“ Condolences to Sam's family. I knew Sam as Alpharetta City Attorney and he was a fierce advocate for his client. Above all, he was a true gentleman. I am so sorry for your loss.

Mark Forsling  
Atlanta, Georgia

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**Mark Forsling** - August 26, 2021 at 12:03 PM

PK

“ *My sincerious condolences to Sam's family. What a pleasure it has been to know and work with him these past 35 years. He was the steady hand on the till guiding the various city boards during the explosive growth. I am sadden to lose a man that I call friend. He truly will be missed.*

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**Phil Kingry** - August 26, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Sammy Thomas.*



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August 26, 2021 at 08:40 AM