



## Douglas Wayne Thompson

January 22, 1978 - November 1, 2018

God decided to reach down and pluck from this earth one of his BEST flowers. Douglas Wayne “Punkin” Thompson, 40, of Bluefield, WV passed away Thursday, November 1, 2018 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center after fighting a courageous battle with cancer for three years. Oh, if you truly knew Doug, cancer did not win, God just grew tired of watching his ANGEL fight and decided it was time for him to take a rest. Born on January 22, 1978 in Bluefield, WV, he was the son of Wayne Douglas and Terry Thompson. Doug was a LOVER of people and enjoyed working out, a good laugh, giving advice, and traveling. His infectious smile was contagious just like his Bear Hugs. He attended Bluefield High School and graduated in 1996. Doug worked at the Bluefield Community Center and the Cinema Movie Theater before joining the Norfolk and Southern Railroad where he was employed for 20 years. He loved music and he was so good at trying to sing. Punkin will be missed by so many.

Survivors include: his parents Wayne Douglas and Terry Thompson, two brothers: Christopher (Emily) Thompson of Chantilly, VA, Marcus (Tonya) Jones of Charlottesville, VA, and special Big Brother Sammy Harris of Bluefield, WV; and of course his faithful dog “Samson”. Doug is also survived by a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, and very special friends (too many to list individually for fear of omitting someone) who were an integral part of his life.

Doug was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Elbert and Nannie

Thompson, his paternal grandparents Kenneth and Gracie Thompson, one aunt Constance Pannell, three uncles Maceo Thompson, Elbert Thompson, Clinton Thompson, and Ernest Wilson.

Services will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 beginning at 1 pm at the Bluefield Parks and Recreation Center on Stadium Drive, Bluefield, WV, with the Reverend James Palmer officiating. Burial will follow at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Bluefield, WV.

Viewing and Visitation with the family is from 11 am until 1 pm.

Pallbearers and flower bearers will be family and friends.

Arrangements by Mercer Funeral Home in Bluefield, WV. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Restlawn Memorial Gardens

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bluefield Recreational Center  
Stadium Drive  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

NOV 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bluefield Recreational Center  
Stadium Drive  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Wayne Thompson*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.*



November 07, 2018 at 12:31 AM



“ *Margaret E. Catron purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.*



**Margaret E. Catron** - November 06, 2018 at 09:07 PM

MM

“ Sweet Memory....

*I had a vision, the night that I heard of Doug's passing. Several years ago, as he was passing the windows of the pool, he looked in and suddenly started running toward the pool door, and said, "Nathan (Goforth), my buddy, do you need a hand?" He bounded down the pool stairs, into the water and scooped him up in his massive arms and turned to climb the stairs and gently place him in a chair. Nathan looked into his eyes, smiled and offered a fist bump. It was only later that Doug's friends told me how surprised they were that Doug came into the pool area, much less into the water, for he was uncomfortable around water and avoided being there. Last Thursday, I had the vision of Nathan, among many others, there to greet him, with a hug and "job well done, my friend". ENJOY BEING...(at peace) in God's arms  
Mary Malamisura*

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**Mary Malamisura** - November 06, 2018 at 07:31 PM

GP

“ To Doug & Terry Thompson & family. Neighbor & friend on Monterey Hill. You all have my deepest heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your son, Doug (Punkin) will be missed. A kind hearted guy with a smile, Friendly spirit. Grady & I hurt deeply in your loss. We pray that God will forever keep his loving arms around each of you. There isn't enough words to say what I feel. Just remember we love each of you, Just give Chris a big hug for me. Thanking God each day for his grace & mercy. Grady & Kay Price

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**Grady & Kay Price** - November 06, 2018 at 06:18 PM

RH

“ We all grew up together. Been knowing this guy since I was old enough to remember things. He was always the same sweet, loving, fun, & funny guy. He truly enjoyed life & lived everyday like it was his last. I will always cherish the fun loving memories you left us. You are truly one of the best Angels God has gained. It was truly an honor knowing you my friend. I am praying for all of your family & friends. You were truly like family. May God give your family strength & comfort. You are/were one of a kind sir. Its always so sad to lose a loved one but I'm so happy you are not suffering any longer. SLEEP WITH THE ANGELS!!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Ronisha Hamlin - November 06, 2018 at 06:15 PM

CH

“ The sweetest, most genuine people I had the pleasure of meeting! I met him working in the deli at Foodcity & every time he would come in it was like we were best best friends! God truly gained an angel Rest Easy Doug

Chentrel Harris - November 06, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.



November 06, 2018 at 03:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.*



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November 06, 2018 at 06:00 AM



“ *My sympathy to the family from my family.*

*The Guyton Family.*

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**Alicia Guyton** - November 06, 2018 at 12:46 AM



“ *Michael Stewart purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.*



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**Michael Stewart** - November 05, 2018 at 11:00 PM



“ *Joanna Lyall, friend/co-worker of Johnny Jenkins purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.*



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**Joanna Lyall, friend/co-worker of Johnny Jenkins** -  
November 05, 2018 at 08:14 PM



“ I met Doug years ago at a restaurant and told him that I first thought that I was looking at George Foreman, he said that he got that a lot. The world has lost a true gentleman.

W Angles - November 05, 2018 at 04:56 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.



November 05, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.



November 05, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ Sandy lit a candle in memory of Douglas Wayne Thompson



Sandy - November 05, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.*



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November 04, 2018 at 03:16 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.*



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November 04, 2018 at 05:58 AM



“ *May the Holy Spirit comfort you and give you strength.*



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**Olivia M Alexander** - November 04, 2018 at 03:17 AM



“ *Terry L Punturi lit a candle in memory of Douglas Wayne Thompson*



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**Terry L Punturi** - November 03, 2018 at 09:22 PM

TP

*Boogie, Doug & Family- WE are so very sorry to hear the sad news of Punkin'. There are no special words we can say to make the pain any easier, as we also know the heart wrenching pain it is too lose a son. Keep his memories close in your hearts & soul, Punkin' will always be with you. God has taken another beautiful flower for His beautiful garden to be with all the other flowers that have gone before him. We would love to see the garden with your family, ours & many others. We will always be with you in prayers & thoughts. Love always, Terry & Roger Punturi*

**Terry L Punturi** - November 03, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ *A gentle giant you were such a nice man every time I encountered you God is opened his hands and you have entered rest in peace*



**Kim Shaw** - November 03, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.*



November 03, 2018 at 05:19 PM

DE

“ *Dee lit a candle in memory of Douglas Wayne Thompson*



**Dee** - November 03, 2018 at 02:56 PM

MI

“ Missy purchased the *Fall Fantasia* for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.



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**Missy** - November 03, 2018 at 01:42 PM

DH

“ Dreama Burns Friend Of Greg Hatfield lit a candle in memory of Douglas Wayne Thompson



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**Dreama Burns friend of Greg Hatfield** - November 03, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.



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November 03, 2018 at 09:33 AM

KF

“ Kolakowski Orangetheory Family purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.



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**Kolakowski Orangetheory Family** - November 03, 2018 at 08:24 AM


 Reggie Akins

“ *Praying for you all.*



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**Reggie Akins** - November 03, 2018 at 07:48 AM

 Brian Smalls

“ *Doug was truly a great man/friend. He stayed smiling. A great soul to be around. Blessings to the family and friends.*



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**Brian Smalls** - November 03, 2018 at 05:10 AM



“ *My heart broke when I heard the news. He was such a kind soul....I will cherish so many memories. Please know that your in my thoughts and prayers.*



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*Brandi Novinger*

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**Brandi Smith** - November 03, 2018 at 01:49 AM

AS

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you Doug and your family. There are no words i can say to take the pain away for the loss of your son. Just remember all the good times you had with little Doug and know he is with all his loved ones in heaven talking with the Lord and walking on the streets of gold. He was a great man and a lot of fun to be around. I was honored to have known little Doug as a friend and part of my family also. He was always kind and happy. May God give your family peace and comfort. Rest In Peace Punkin we will be together again one day my friend.

AW Carver  
Chaplain BLET 448

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AW Carver Sr. - November 02, 2018 at 11:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.



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November 02, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.



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November 02, 2018 at 08:22 PM

JL

“ I work with Doug’s aunt, Johnny Jenkins. I had the chance to meet this big teddy bear over two years ago.

*I got a ‘Team Doug’ shirt and wore it everywhere I went. I was in Blowing Rock, NC walking and a lady stopped me and asked me if this was ‘her’ Doug from WV. I confirmed and was overwhelmed at the span of Doug’s friends that spanned facebook. What an example of a dear person. He is just like his Aunt Johnny! Heaven gained an angel!!*

Joanna Lyall - November 02, 2018 at 06:53 PM

SS

*Ever since I was told that Doug had cancer, I starting praying for him every day. I texted him verses, songs I sang, laughed about crazy days and he never complained when I asked “ how was your day?” He always said “ I can’t complain”. Over the years he has always been constant and never changed, his responses were always gentle so yes “teddy bear” is so fitting! Doug passed on the same day my dad was buried so I know Heaven got a golden angel! Doug has fought well and Jesus has said “ well done”  
I love this song “it is well with my soul”*

Sherryanne Sooknanan - November 02, 2018 at 07:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.



November 02, 2018 at 06:28 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Douglas Wayne Thompson.*



November 02, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ *Doug was a great guy who made an impact on the Bluefield community with a positive attitude and big hugs! He will be missed by all... Prayers for the Thompson family*

**Lori Mills** - November 02, 2018 at 04:14 PM



*We now have a very strong angel to watch over us all ... prayer 🙏 the the family and many closes friends of his ... I'm blessed to have know him !*

**Heather Joyner/Martin/Hill** - November 02, 2018 at 06:04 PM



*Prayers for peace, comfort and strength for the family and friends. May God bless and keep you 🙏✝️*

*Carter and Wanda Johnson*

**Carter Johnson** - November 02, 2018 at 08:53 PM



*Fly high, Doug. Gone too soon, You will always be remembered. Thoughts and Prayers for the Thompson family, and friends.*

**Paula Carriker** - November 03, 2018 at 12:22 AM



*Pumpkin you were a great great friend and brother will always remember my friend luv ya bro*

**AA kennedy** - November 03, 2018 at 02:20 PM

JE

*May God take you in his loving arms and give you Comfort, Love, Peace and Joy.*

*Bless our family.*

*Aunt Jackie & Uncle Jimmy*

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**Jackie Elliott** - November 03, 2018 at 06:19 PM

SR

*I took a picture of Boogie sitting in Miss Nanny's brown leather chair wearing a blue robe and holding Punkin wearing a blue striped shirt, red socks, and a beautiful smile. This is my forever memory. Love and prayers to the family. Rest in peace Punkin.*

*Shirley A. Robinson*

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**Shirley A. Robinson** - November 04, 2018 at 07:05 AM

RA

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Doug was a gentle soul and a friend to all. As parents you raised a wonderful human being that touched a whole community and for that you should be proud. His legacy will live on in on the friends he touched along the way. God Bless you all!*

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**Randy Albert** - November 06, 2018 at 11:13 AM

CB

*Condolences and our continued prayers for the family and friends of Doug Thompson. Thank you all for sharing the loving memories for those of us who did not know him personally. We can feel the love! Special prayers for Gracie & Walter Claxton. From your church family, 1st Abyssinia Baptist, Baltimore, MD Bishop Anthony & Dr. Kathie Williams, Pastors*

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**C. Bryson** - November 10, 2018 at 07:57 AM

BM

*I've known Doug since we worked together in the movies 24 years ago. I called him out of the blue a year again, and we talked for over 2 hours. And that's how I remember Doug, a good and funny guy that you never got tired of talking to or hanging out with.*

*He was always ready to tell you a story. I can still hear him saying 'oh, wait til I tell this, I couldn't believe it.!'  
I'm so sorry for your loss and he will be truly missed.*

*Brian Modena*

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**Brian Modena** - November 16, 2018 at 12:26 AM