



Walter "W.T." Thomas Roane

September 4, 1951 - November 25, 2025

Walter Thomas Roane, better known as "W.T.", was born on September 4, 1951 in King & Queen County, Virginia. He entered into eternal rest on November 25, 2025 in Petersburg, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Len Allen Roane and Helen Roane and niece Kimberly Roane.

As a child W.T. was creative and gifted musically. He played piano for and became a member of Second Mt. Olive at the age of 9. He played piano for various churches in King & Queen and King William Counties. He played with a band named The Rocking Corvairs as a teenager. W.T. attended King & Queen Country Public Schools where he graduated from Central High School. He went on to attend Virginia State College where he was a proud member of the Marching 110 Band where he played the trombone. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in 1973.

W.T. married his childhood sweetheart Sharleen Wilson in 1974, recently celebrating 51 years of marriage. From this union, they raised three children and proudly wore the title of "daddy" and was later promoted to the title of "PopPop."

W.T. continued to reside in Petersburg where he became a fixture in the community, once nominated as one of the Outstanding Men of America. Utilizing his college degree, W.T. was employed with the Southside Virginia

Training Center. He later entered entrepreneurship, operating a delivery business, held managerial roles at several companies with his retiring role at WalMart Distribution Center. W.T. volunteered at the YMCA, taught music lessons, participated in community events, and coached for his children's teams. W.T. was an avid baseball fan, played baseball with the Matoaca Braves and served as an umpire in the tri-cities area for several years. He was also a diehard fan of the Chicago Cubs.

His love for music, his community , and the church led him to become the Minister of Music, Treasurer, and Deacon for two churches: Sharon Baptist Church in Dinwiddie, VA and Escobrook Baptist Church in King and Queen, VA. He often played piano and organ for both churches on alternating Sundays. Even after falling ill in 2009, he remained a dedicated and committed member of the church, still playing piano and serving multiple roles within the church.

W.T. was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather who was dedicated to making the world around him better in any way he could. He often gave his time, energy, and talents to others. Despite setbacks, W.T. displayed a resounding display of faith, perseverance, and love. He always helped others by using his talents.

He is survived by his loving spouse Sharleen W. Roane ; three children: Bobby of Colorado Springs, Co., Jason (Briana) of Durham, N.C., Jessica (Reggie) of Petersburg, Va.; grandchildren: Cyan, Cypress, Cypher, Kyra, and King; brother Ernest Roane (Evelyn) of Silver Springs, MD; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A funeral service will be held 1PM Friday, December 5 2025, at Escobrook Baptist Church, 2430 Elsom Mascot Rd, Shackelfords, VA 23156. A viewing will be held from 4pm-6pm, Thursday, December 4, 2025, at Vincent Funeral

Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Escobrook Baptist Church
2430 Elsom Mascot Rd
Shacklefords, VA 23156

Tribute Wall

WB

“ *Sending our Deepest, Heart felt Condolences to you Mrs. Roane and your entire family. We were saddened to hear Mr. Roane passed. He was a Great, Pleasant Neighbor. We Loved Mr. Roane and will really miss him. Especially in the Summer. We Loved seeing Mr. Roane taking care of his yard. Mrs. Roane please don't hesitate to come or call us for Anything!! We Love You All!*

Wayne and Karen Brooks

Wayne and Karen Brooks - December 04, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, keeping your family in our prayers.*

*Much Love from,
The Thomas & Woods family*

Ashley Woods - December 04, 2025 at 02:58 PM

AW

“ Deacon Roane: We're going to miss you at church. You, and Mrs Roane have always been so kind and loving to my grandma and I since we started attending Esco Brook. I just played for you during the Men's Day Service; not knowing that it would be my last time seeing each other Rest In Peace, Deacon Roane. Until we meet again.

We are also sending our deepest condolences to Mrs. Roane, children and grandchildren on behalf of the Whiting Family.

We love y'all so much and thank you for everything

Antwain Whiting- drummer for Esco Brook Baptist Church

Antwain Whiting - December 01, 2025 at 10:09 AM

MJ

Sleep in peace deacon Roane Sorry for your loss my prayers are with you and family Mrs Roane 🙏 St.clair Jordan

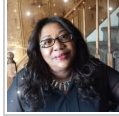
Morvitz S Jordan jr. - December 02, 2025 at 07:26 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - December 01, 2025 at 08:54 AM



"WT" Dickie and I (Teresitz Mabry-Our Mother Theresa Wilson Mabry Scurry) are so sorry to hear of your passing. Our hearts and prayers are with our family as we look to God for strength. We know you are now resting safely with our Lord. May God bless you and watch over all who love you and appreciate your kindness and musical talent, Amen.

Teresitz Lewis - December 02, 2025 at 11:54 AM