



Fayes Farris Thomas, Jr.

June 4, 1930 - July 4, 2009

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Fayes F. Thomas, Jr.,

Fayes F. Thomas, Jr., passed away July 4, 2009 in Newnan, GA; Born in Savannah, GA. on June 4, 1930 to the late Fayes F. Thomas, and Minnie Younis Thomas. He attended Cathedral School, Graduated from Benedictine Military Academy, Mercer University and Walter F. George School of Law. He attained the rank of Major in the JAG Corp, U.S. Army. He was Partner in the firm of Kalback and Thomas from 1957 – 1998.

Fayes was a leader in the Lebanese American Community of Miami, serving two terms as President of the Salam Charitable Foundation, and several terms as Chairman of its Board. He was President of the Southern Federation of Syrian Lebanese American Clubs, Inc., serving two terms as Chairman of the Board of Directors and was named Man of the Year in 1997.

Fiercely loyal to his faith and church, Fayes served as captain of the Altar Servers at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah. He was a founding member of St. Brendan's Catholic Church, and served as President of the Home and School Association.

In the early 1970's, Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church was established and he dedicated himself to the new church. He was its legal advisor and president of the Parish Council and was awarded the Masabki

Medal, named for 3 brothers who were martyred for their faith.

Mr. Thomas was named a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre by the Patriarch of the Melkite Catholic Church for his service to St. Jude Melkite Church in Miami.

He was also a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus.

Always involved in the lives of his children, he served on the Booster Board at Christopher Columbus High School and President of the Parents' Guild at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy.

Fayes is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, June Mansour Thomas, and his son, Michael, daughter-in-law Maria and grandson, Brandon, and by his daughter, Gina of Atlanta, and son, Alan of Newnan, GA, brother Joseph (Betty) Thomas and family of Savannah, GA, brother David Thomas, brothers-in-law Ellis (Melinda) Mansour, Charles (Michelle) Mansour and sister in law Rochelle (Hershall) Norred all of Newnan, GA, nieces, nephews and countless family and friends in Miami, Savannah and Newnan, GA.

The funeral mass is Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 11:00 am at St. George Catholic Church with Father Austin Fogarty & Father Elie Mikhael officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Newnan. The visitation is Wednesday evening between 6:00 & 8:00 pm at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA. The rosary is WEDNESDAY evening at 8:00 pm in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

The family requests that memorials be made to Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church, 2055 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33145 or St. George Catholic Church, 771 Roscoe Road, Newnan, GA 30263.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church
771 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Alan, I am so sorry about your Dad, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kindest Regards, Charlotte Cook

Charlotte - July 21, 2009 at 08:10 PM

MG

“ Dear June and Family, My prayers and sympathy go out to you in the loss of Fayes. I have so many fond memories of him and you also, June, from the Coral Gables Jr. Woman's Club days. We had so much fun in Cabaret, parties and dinner's together. Fayes was kind and always a "gentle" man. I know you both had a deep faith that will sustain you during this time. I pray God will give you peace and, in time, leave you with only beautiful memories of your lives together. Love and hugs, Melanie

Melanie (Searle) Green - July 21, 2009 at 07:45 AM

JH

“ Dearest June, Gina, Sons, and Family, Mom and I are deeply saddened with the passing of wonderful Fayes. We loved him very much and we share in your loss. Fayes was a remarkable, genuine and loyal husband, father, friend and community leader. We were blessed to know him and we shall remember Fayes for the magnificent person he was. He is now at the big haflì in Heaven with my Dad Jimmy and all the other wonderful family and friends there. Mom and I pray for your consolation and God's Healing on your hearts. We love you very much, Joanne

Joanne Hayek - July 18, 2009 at 10:16 AM

AC

“Dearest June & Family, Our family extends our deepest sorrow over the loss of Fayes. Our hearts are broken and our love and prayers are with you always. Fayes has been a special friend to the Shaheen Family throughout the many years shared together. Please know that our friendship will always be with your entire family. Fayes has especially been a big part of my fathers life, sharing in many outings together. We are thankful to you for that friendship and the special way Fayes allowed us to be a part of your family. June, you are truly blessed with wonderful friends and family. Your sons and daughter will be of great support to you now. Please know that you also have the Shaheen Family to continue to be there for you as you and Fayes have been for so many others. May Fayes rest in peace. God Bless you and your lovely family. The Shaheens(Albie,Gigi,Stephanie,Samantha,Nicholas & Sarah)

Albie & Gigi Shaheen & Children - July 13, 2009 at 02:23 PM

DP

“Dear Aunt June and Family: Our hearts are filled with sorrow at the passing of Uncle Fayse. He will be missed and we send our prayers to all of you at this difficult time. We love you all. Love, Debbie and Doug

Debbie and Doug Parent - July 13, 2009 at 10:45 AM

SY

“Dear June and family, our hearts are heavy and saddened at the loss of our dear Fayes. He will always be in our hearts and prayers. May God be with you all at this time. With our love and prayers, Shirley, Bobby and family

Shirley Yoham - July 12, 2009 at 10:56 PM

WK

“ Alan, I'm so sorry to hear of your dad my friend. My family have you in our thoughts and prayers and may Gods love shine on you during this difficult time...

Wes Kennedy - July 12, 2009 at 07:22 PM

BP

“ Dear Alan and Family, I just learned of your loss. Alan, I am so sorry. You are all in my prayers and I wish I could have been there. I will call in a few days, Alan. You know I love you. Give Mom a hug for me. I miss you, Brother. Buddy

Buddy Parrish - July 10, 2009 at 06:05 PM

HB

“ Dear June and Family: I was saddened to learn of Faye's passing. I hope that you will find great comfort in your memories of events shared with him. Remember, that those who have lived in our hearts are never really gone; as long as we keep them with us, in our hearts and in our thoughts, they will be with us always. Harold

Harold Bluestein - July 09, 2009 at 03:28 PM

JZ

“ Mrs. June Thomas and family: Our love, thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy are with you in your time of great sorrow in the loss of our dear friend Faye's. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. Our on-going prayers will remain with him and your loving family. May God bless you all. Russell, Santa Maria and Judi Zkiab

JUDI ZKIAB - July 09, 2009 at 02:06 PM

HM

“ He was a wonderful man and wish I could have been in company more often. I loved y to sit w/ Brandon and Maria and Michael and June and listen to him talk....holly mobley

Holly Mobley - July 09, 2009 at 12:02 PM

LB

“ Dear Alan, My heart goes out to you during this time of sadness. I will be praying for you and your family. Sincerely, Lu Brown (Pat's daughter)

Lu Brown - July 09, 2009 at 11:22 AM

LH

“ Dear Alan, Larry and I send our deepest sympathy to you and June and your family. What an amazing man was Fayer! From the obituary we realize his many accomplishments and contributions wherever he went. Surely, such a fine husband and father will be missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Larry and Pat Herring

Larry and Pat Herring - July 09, 2009 at 11:03 AM

S.

“ I send my sincerest condolences to the Thomas Family. The Bible assures us that God cares at 1 Peter 5:7. So in this time of sorrow, Jehovah God is willing and ready to help and he encourages you at Psalm 55:22 to throw your burdens upon him and he will sustain you. He also extends the hope that your loved ones may be resurrected at Acts 24:15. I hope this information will comfort you and your family during this time of sorrow.

S. - July 09, 2009 at 06:44 AM

DA

“ June, We are very sorry to hear of Fayer passing. I'm sure he is watching over all of us from above, as he always has. He and my Dad probably already have a great poker game going! He was always very kind to us, and treated us like family. I rememeber him always playing with my son David, and David remembers him also! Please give our condolences to your family. We will miss him, he was a great man! Donnie, Eileen, and David.

Don Abood - July 08, 2009 at 08:27 PM

MW

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Mott Willis - July 08, 2009 at 05:09 PM

MW

“ Dear June, My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. Fayer was the best ... an ethical businessman, loving husband and father, and a dear friend to so many. You and Fayer have been mentioned with much fondness recently in conversations with our long time friends in Juniors. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Marie Wilson

Marie Wilson - July 08, 2009 at 02:50 PM

BS

“ Alan & all the Thomas family, May you find the comfort only God can give you in this sad time. My prayers will be with you and your family. We love you, Brian and Susan

Brian and Susan Stockstill - July 08, 2009 at 12:42 PM

KF

“ We the Kalback family would like to give our condolences to the Fayes family for the loss of loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a very good friend of our father Irving F. Kalback for many years. May he rest in peace. Our deepest sympathies, Kalback Family

Kalaback Family - July 08, 2009 at 12:09 PM

AF

“ Dear June Ellen and Family, We are deeply saddened by the passing of Fayse. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the Family. He moved from one front row to another. God Bless you all!

Al,Pauline Maloof & Family - July 08, 2009 at 10:34 AM

LT

“ Alan & Family My heart goes out to you at this time, Losing a father is like losing your mentor of the world, As I was reading your father's obituary, you got a lot of memories and most of all his legacy that he leaves for you to hold to as time go by. My prayer is for you and your family, that God will continue to hold you in his hands. Lessie & Julius Tillman Thomasville, Ga (your friends at PFG_Powell)

Lessie & Julius Tillman - July 08, 2009 at 10:29 AM

DD

“ Nancy and I's thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family at this time of your loss. "May God Grant you Peace that surpasses all understanding" Philipains 4:7

David and Nancy Duff - July 08, 2009 at 10:23 AM

CW

“ Alan & Family My thoughts & prayers & condolences are with you & your family.

Carla Williams - July 08, 2009 at 10:15 AM

AS

“ Heaven was saving a seat in the front pew for you, Uncle Fayer. Rest in peace among the other angels. Love to you all, Aleen

Aleen Sirgany - July 08, 2009 at 09:34 AM

MM

“ June, I was surprised and saddened to read in today's paper of Fayer's passing. He was a true gentleman, and we three always had "fun" during your appointments. May his memory and good deeds be a source of strength to you in this difficult time. My deepest condolences Dr. Martin Rothberg

Martin Rothberg, M.D. - July 08, 2009 at 09:17 AM

JH

“ ALAN, MAY GOD BLESS AND COMFORT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS TIME. ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW MUCH YOU MEANT TO EACH OTHER, AND NO LOSS OR SORROW, TIME OR DISTANCE CAN EVER TAKE THAT AWAY. WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR EACH OF YOU.. IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ALWAYS LYM

JANICE HART - July 08, 2009 at 08:36 AM

DC

“ Michael, We are truly saddened to hear about the passing of your father. Our hearts go out to you and your family. If there is anything we can do please do not hesitate to call on us.

Duluth Bass Club - July 07, 2009 at 08:41 PM

LK

“ Alan, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Len and Joanie Keller - July 07, 2009 at 08:22 PM

AA

“ I am sorry to learn of Faye's passing. He loved his family and was someone to look up to, he had character and was a man among men. Faye's and I had one disagreement (Cedar Club vs Southern Federation), he stood his ground as I did mine. I loved his passion. He was a great man. My Family's Prayers are with Your Family..... Albert

Albert M. Ashkouti - July 07, 2009 at 05:39 PM

MM

“ Gina, We are so sorry to hear about your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Marc Bearden and Travis Mainer - July 07, 2009 at 03:55 PM

MJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Thomas family. God bless you

Mike, Gene, Bobby and Joe - July 07, 2009 at 10:01 AM

EM

“ Gina, heartfelt condolences and my deepest sympathy go out to you and your family. Ruby, Jeremiah, and I will keep you in our prayers. Just know that our help comes from heaven above, and that God comforts us during our times of sorrow. Your father is in the presence of God, and will spend eternity at peace. God bless you all.

Eric Montgomery - July 07, 2009 at 08:56 AM

TZ

“ *My heart goes out to each of you. May each of you smile as you remember Fayes in your own special and loving way. With a sad heart, Terri Zalenski (Maria's friend*

Terri Zalenski - July 07, 2009 at 08:31 AM

FW

“ *I PRAY THAT GOD GIVE YOU PEACE DURING THIS TIME. BE BLESSED AND CONTINUE TO LOOK TO GOD FOR STRENGTH.*

FLORA WICKS - July 07, 2009 at 07:39 AM

DH

“ *My condolence to the Thomas family. May God continue to Bless & Keep you through this difficult time. I work for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, future employee of Ms. R. Thomas.*

Doris Houston - July 07, 2009 at 07:29 AM

LA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of great sorrow. May God bless you and keep you always in His care.*

Louie and Cindy Abdou - July 07, 2009 at 06:43 AM

SA

“ *I am sad to hear the news about Fayes. It has been a couple of years since I have had the chance to visit Miami and joke around with him. I will always remember he and my dad playing poker together and joking around. He was a special man. My thoughts are with all the extended Miami family. Love, Sue*

Sue Abood - July 06, 2009 at 04:59 PM

MT

“Gina, We are so sorry to hear about your father. If we can do anything for you please let us know.

Marcus and Tom - July 06, 2009 at 04:43 PM

GG

“Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. May God bless you all. Gene and Shelli Graves

Gene and Shelli Graves - July 06, 2009 at 12:46 PM

EH

“Gina - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I was so sorry to hear about your Dad. I love you, Gina. ET

E.T. Hindman - July 06, 2009 at 11:21 AM

EV

“We are so sorry to hear about your loss. He was a great and kind man who always greeted us like we were one of his own. He will truly be missed. God bless him.

Elvisay and Jose Vazquez - July 06, 2009 at 11:19 AM

SJ

“ Dear June and Family, I was deeply saddened to hear about Fayer's passing. I know how difficult this must be for you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. He was such an attorney's attorney. I remember many real estate closings with Fayer and his flawless professionalism, and June always being within hearing distance to perform her highly efficient multi-tasking skills. June, I know how much you will miss Fayer. I encourage you to draw on your strength and the strength of your family. If I can help you in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact me. May god bless you and your family during this time and always, Skip Joseph

Skip Joseph - July 06, 2009 at 07:52 AM

DS

“ My thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies are with you and your family at this time. May God Bless you and be with you in your time of grief.

Debbie Swain - July 05, 2009 at 08:25 PM