



Edmonia Thomas

July 24, 1947 - June 26, 2020

Edmonia Thomas, of Philadelphia, passed away peacefully on June 26th, 2020 at the age of 72. Dear mother of Steven Thomas. Loving grandmother of Erika Thomas and Samir Thomas. Beloved great grandmother of Zoey Davis. She is also survived by her siblings Harry Thomas, Larry Thomas, and Fred Thomas.

Services and Interment Private.

Comments



“ I met her in 1998, I was in 2nd grade. You will always be remembered for that energetic, charismatic, vibrant aura you had. You will be missed Queen. Thank you for all that you’ve taught me! I will try not to be a disappointment to you.

-Shaun Douglas

Shaun Douglas - July 24, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Meeting her to work on “Freedom Smitty” was such an amazing experience. She opened our eyes and taught us so much about our black history. A great woman! Sending my condolences to the family.

nyani - July 08, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ I simply can't wrap my head around this unfortunate event. Ms. Edmonia and I met in August 2011, at Hedgerow Theatre Company's stage reading. I was on-stage performing as she sat in the audience seeking out her next Actress for her upcoming productions. She sought me, and I quickly obliged. Since then a friendship formed between us.

I first appeared in the stage production of Whistle Walk (2013), as Jenny (character). Of course, during that production run, she discovered my other talents...lol

I became one of her leading Actresses, Assistant Director & Acting Coach in the following production, Freedom Smitty (2016) as E.C. Stone. We shared so many fond memories throughout the years, and this devastating news has taken a toll on me. I can only imagine how upsetting this has been for the Thomas family as well, especially her closeness to her great-granddaughter Zoe.

Edmonia is an excellent author, story-teller, novelist; and I will miss reading her well-versed, well-scripted plays. I must admit: I was waiting for that “phone call” to hear talk about her next project, and what role she had planned for me, seek/find. I was anticipating get caught up into her web of knowledge, ready to be educated ... yet instead, I'm left to cherish those fond memories that was well spent with my "My Little Lady."

“Edmonia, you will forever live in my heart”

Dionne Stone

Dionne Stone - July 06, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ Edmonia was an intelligent, and strong woman. When I was an assistant to her for her production of "Freedom Smitty", I was allowed time to see her quick mind at work. She already knew what projects she was going to do, and tell me all about them. She would tell me stories of the neighborhoods in Philadelphia, and share her wisdom.

I miss her presence so much.

Patrice Martin - July 06, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to the family of Edmonia Thomas. I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Edmonia in 2011 when she invited me to audition for “Miss Minnie Mae's Goin Home Party” at her house. She made me feel special as she informed me about her Home Privacy Act :). This wasn't a regular audition...afterwards she sat me down and sowed into my life regarding the acting profession. From that day forward we stayed in touch through text, email, and phone. I am deeply saddened by her passing because I was cheering her on through prayer for a full recovery so that she can write her life story to present it to the masses. Nevertheless I am so honored that she chose me to work with her on the real life story of “Freedom Smitty”. I celebrate her life, and her phenomenal written pieces of creation presented on stage that touched so many lives. Love Tamara Woods aka Fannie Lou Hamer

Tamara Woods - July 06, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ Edmonia was a longtime friend of the family. She always had ideas and ways to help. My fondest memory is from my childhood when we would visit Philly, my aunt and Edmonia would take me to see a summer kid's play production. She was very artistic and had such a memorable personality. She will be missed. My condolences to the family and friends.

Cecily - July 04, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family of Edmonia Thomas for their loss. Edmonia, was a Educator, African American Historian and Playwrite. I was honored in 2016, when she wrote and produced the play " Freedom Smitty". A story about my life during the Civil / Human Rights Movement of the 1960's. She will always carry a special place in my heart. She is now one of our Honorable Ancestors
Kenneth Salaam aka Freedom Smitty

Kenneth Salaam - July 02, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ A beautiful creative force! A powerful dazzling light! A mighty messenger! An eternal inspiration.
Love, Ruth "Bunny" Chapman

Ruth Chapman - June 30, 2020 at 09:29 PM