



Thomas Varnadoe

October 26, 1934

VARNADOE, Thomas, 13, of Brooksville, Florida, died on October 26, 1934, in Marianna, Florida. He died under suspicious circumstances after 34 days of incarceration at the now closed Florida Industrial School for Boys, aka The Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys. With aid from the University of South Florida, his family recently recovered his unmarked remains on the school grounds.

Thomas is survived by his brother, Joseph Richard Varnadoe of Salt Springs; nephews Gene Varnadoe of Faber, Virginia, Glen Varnadoe of Lakeland, Randy C. Varnadoe of Brooksville, and Rudolph A. Varnadoe, Jr. of Belleview; nieces Pam Varnadoe Reed of Telford, Tennessee, Marsha Varnadoe Patterson of Brooksville, Brenda Varnadoe Allman of Ashville, North Carolina, Jeannie Varnadoe Littleton of Jacksonville, and Becky Varnadoe Schwarz of Plant City. His parents Thomas H. Sr. and Josephine Folks Varnadoe; and siblings Hubert E. Varnadoe, Rudolf A. Varnadoe, and Ethel Varnadoe Tankserly, have since joined him in eternal rest.

A private graveside service of remembrance will be held on Monday, November, 24 at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. Thomas will be laid into eternal rest next to his brother Hubert, who was incarcerated at the school alongside Thomas, and endured the same tortuous environment of the failed school. Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

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Tribute Wall

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“ Glen,
May your Uncle Thomas now be at peace. Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of the other families.
We are making a donation in your Uncle Thomas's name for a young man who is recovering from a terrible car accident. His name is Courtney Allen. He has a long journey ahead of him. He is a Scout Leader, a pharmacy rep, and father to one son. He lives in Texas but we know the family from Den's Army Brothers. Trooping for Courtney tells his story. We do this to honor Thomas.
Again, you , Janice and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Juliet and Dennis

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“ How sad for your family member. May he now rest in peace being reunited with his family.

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