



## Thomas Neil Holliday

November 18, 1969 - December 25, 2017

Albany- Thomas Neil Holliday left this earth behind on Monday December 25, 2017. His legacy will live on forever. Thomas was originally from Greenville, SC. He moved to Hawaii for a career opportunity. This is where he met, fell in love and married his husband Rafael Torres. Together they moved to Albany, NY where Thomas worked for DS Specialties. He was a man of many talents, who had the voice of an angel, and an amazing performer with a passion for the arts.

Thomas left a trail of love across the United States, whether in SC, Oregon, Hawaii, or NY; He was loved by all. Thomas brought light and laughter to everyone he met. He knew how to touch your heart by opening his to you. He will be missed more than words can say. His love will live on in each of us. When pondering “what should I do?”, ask the question “ what would Thomas do” , and then do that.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Albany Damien Center, 728 Madison Avenue, Suite 100, Albany, NY 12208 in honor of Thomas Holliday

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Neil Holliday*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I adored Thomas! We met 22 years ago performing in South Pacific at Greenville Little Theatre. I am so grateful for his friendship. Thomas was one of the sweetest, kindest, most loving people I have ever known. He was always quick with a smile and words of encouragement. And oh, how I loved to hear him sing and loved singing with him. He sang with his whole heart, just as he lived his life. I will miss his laughter, his jokes (always delivered with a twinkle in his eye), his hugs, and his beautiful voice. I send my love to all of Thomas' family and his dear Rafael and wish you peace and comfort.*

*Much love,  
Mary Freeman*

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**Mary Freeman** - January 03, 2018 at 04:11 PM



“ *<https://youtu.be/z-HkoelB0Uk>*

*song starts around 1:15  
Another great singer gone to soon. This is from Dec 4th 2011*

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**Darryl** - December 31, 2017 at 12:12 AM

Jl

“ Thomas was a wonderful person that I loved dearly. I will always cherish our time together at Wynn and so many lunches we shared together. We didn't always see eye-to-eye but I will always remember that smile and the time we shared together. Go sing with the angels Thomas. We'll all see you again one day. Rest easy my friend.

Jill - December 30, 2017 at 10:19 PM

 Samantha Parker

“ Samantha Parker lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday



Samantha Parker - December 30, 2017 at 02:02 PM

CG

“ Cathy Gantt lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday



cathy gantt - December 30, 2017 at 12:51 PM

MO

“ Thomas I meet you when you were so young and the beauty of you sweet soul was beyond words, you eyes sparked like the sun in a blue sky, I will never forget you a pray only to share our souls in Heaven



mike owens - December 30, 2017 at 12:11 PM

KS

“ *Kip Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday*



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**Kip Sawyer** - December 30, 2017 at 11:37 AM

AS

“ *So many memories I can't pick just one. You couldn't know him without loving him. Prayers for all of his family.*



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**Ashley** - December 30, 2017 at 11:05 AM

PJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Perry and everyone at The Albany Damien Center*

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**Perry Junjulas** - December 30, 2017 at 10:42 AM

MD

“ *Morgan Holliday Donovan lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday*



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**Morgan Holliday Donovan** - December 30, 2017 at 10:37 AM

TM

“ Tammy Maroney McGee lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday



Tammy Maroney McGee - December 30, 2017 at 05:36 AM

CB

“ Candace Bolt lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday



Candace Bolt - December 29, 2017 at 10:03 PM

EK

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Ed Keating - December 29, 2017 at 09:48 PM

EK

Thomas and Rafael at our marriage ceremony. Thomas told me that day he was the happiest he'd ever been. They married just a few months later.

Ed Keating - December 29, 2017 at 10:55 PM

TI



Tiffanie - January 14, 2018 at 06:30 AM



“ *Tina Wooten lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday*



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**Tina Wooten** - December 29, 2017 at 08:44 PM

JA

“ *We knew Thomas mainly through our working together at Greenville Little Theatre. We did a production of Agatha Christie's Appointment With Death one year. It was apparently his first non-musical role he would have done at GLT and he was very anxious that he do the part justice. I had to play his mean, wicked old mother, and in one scene I had to speak very harshly to him. It was so hard to do, to look into that beautiful face and say all the mean things I had to say from the script. All I knew, was that he was one of the sweetest, kindest persons I ever dealt with on stage, and to say he will be sorely missed here in Greenville is too trite. He will be missed from every life he touched and every song he shared with us with his beautiful voice. Although we never got to meet Raf, we extend our deepest condolences to him and his family.*



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**Jan Anderson** - December 29, 2017 at 07:10 PM

TL

“ So sorry to learn of Thomas's passing! He was always smiling, and kind. The world needs more like him!

*May Gods light shine perpetually on him, and give you peace now and forever.*

*Always,  
Ty Leslie*

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ty leslie - December 29, 2017 at 06:47 PM

SP

“ One memory of many I have of this great man and brother, was the day he proposed to Raf. He said I proposed to him, he's the one, I hugged him and said congratulations. I then asked him where did he propose? He said in the Honolulu Zoo parking lot. I said OMG Thomas in front of the giraffes? He said with that South Carolina smile, now that you you put that way...yep. I love him so much, I just had to ask him and he said yes. Sharing his heart, kindness and friendship to all was just who Thomas is....he will be missed and Raf your Hawai'i Ohana will be here for you. Hugs



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Sal Poloai - December 29, 2017 at 06:13 PM

DS

“ I can't believe you are now hosting parties with the Angels my friend. This world will never be the same but I'm thankful we were friends while you were here...may you now be forever new and peacefully abide in our heaven with God. We will all miss you and may those left behind will always have you in there heart. My condolences to your husband and family may they find peace to move forward. Forever in my heart much love and care.  
*Dean Sewell*

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**Dean Sewell** - December 29, 2017 at 06:05 PM

CP

“ *Carmen Ponder lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday*



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**carmen ponder** - December 29, 2017 at 05:57 PM

EB

“ *So sorry hear about passing of Thomas. He will be missed be many. God bless him an the family..*

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**Erik Brogden** - December 29, 2017 at 05:53 PM

TS

“ *Tammy Summler lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday*



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**Tammy Summler** - December 29, 2017 at 04:40 PM

TS

*Thomas you was always ready to do help and love everyone you kept all of us feeling important and special just a you are us we will always think about you and miss you love you*

**Tammy Summler** - December 29, 2017 at 04:44 PM

LF

“ *Leeann Fant lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday*



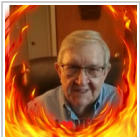
**leeann Fant** - December 29, 2017 at 04:37 PM

KF

“ *Kelly Fisher lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday*



**Kelly Fisher** - December 29, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ *Bucky sent me pictures of the snow on Christmas day and said that he was thankful for the white Christmas, that God had blessed him with. Bucky was always A sweet young man, that I loved very much. I'm sure he will be seen again one day, when we all meet together at the meeting in the air. I LOVE YOU BUCKY. UNCLE JIMMY*

**Jimmy Jenkins** - December 29, 2017 at 04:12 PM

DB

“ *Denise Bailey lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday*



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**Denise Bailey** - December 29, 2017 at 03:09 PM

BC

“ *Brooks Carter lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday*



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**Brooks Carter** - December 29, 2017 at 02:22 PM

SM

“ *Your smile and light hearted attitude would brighten up any room you were in. I have only wonderful memories. You were one of the first people I meet at the Aloha Bears and HIGFFL during PRIDE. Your kindness was so memorable . You will be greatly missed. Warmest thoughts to Raf and the family.*



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**Steve Magan** - December 29, 2017 at 02:15 PM

PH

“ *Phillip Hudson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday*



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**Phillip Hudson** - December 29, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Neil Holliday.*



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December 29, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ *Today my heart breaks and a bright light in my life went dim. My life was better for having known Thomas Holliday. Thomas was a wonderful individual who made the joys of life contagious. Thomas never met a stranger, and a person could only walk away from meeting Thomas knowing that his life was enriched and made better. It will be hard to imagine life without Thomas. Rest in peace my dear friend. Rest in peace, Love Brooks.*

*My deepest sympathies and condolences go with Rafael and Thomas's family!*

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**Brooks Carter** - December 29, 2017 at 12:51 PM



*Thomas will forever be remembered as a sweet and gentle soul...who loved Life and others. He was kind, generous, and never missed an opportunity to express his love and concern. His passing leaves a big hole in our GLT family, as well in the hearts of all who knew him. Love to Rafael and to Thomas' family.*

*RIP DEAR, sweet Thomas.*

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**Karen Hyatt** - December 29, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Neil Holliday.*



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December 29, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ *Our hearts weigh heavy, Thomas has touched the lives of many, he will forever be in our hearts. Deepest Condolences to Rafael and Thomas' family.*

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**Robert Boyack** - December 29, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *Thomas was one of the sweetest snarkiest honest people I know:) I remember all of us piling into his truck to go see Rock nRoll Heaven. We were singing rock songs and show tunes at the top of our lungs....until it came time to park-we had to turn the music down so Thomas could “see”. You will be sorely missed my friend. Much love, Trina*

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**Trina Mayo-Day** - December 29, 2017 at 12:06 PM



“ *Sal Poloai lit a candle in memory of Thomas Neil Holliday*



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**Sal Poloai** - December 29, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ Thomas T Holiday was the sweetest guy you'd ever meet, with genuine wonder and curiosity about things. One day I went with Raf and him to Mass Moca for the Nick Cave installation, driving through a blizzard to get there. After that we went for tacos. Over the years he bought every dumb shirt I made just to support my art (and to give to Raf), and on the last day before we moved out of town he came by my garage sale and bought more - an old wooden tripod and 1960s alarm clock. He had plans to make the tripod into some kind of creative light fixture. He had a great love for life and gave hugs like nobody else.



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**Patrick Stephenson** - December 29, 2017 at 12:01 PM

BR

Thomas brought so many life long friends together at his weekly Thursday night Greenville drop in . Always a big sweet smile Hug & kiss when you arrived & when you left . Sending all my Sympathy to Rafael & the Holliday family .. I like to think he's another Angel watching over all he Loved .. RIP my friend .. Brent Rollins

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**Brent jay Rollins** - December 29, 2017 at 12:48 PM

HM

*One of Thomas' dearest friends called to let me know he had passed. I was shocked and speechless but feel so grateful to have known this kind, generous, and gentle man. When he told me about first meeting his beloved Rafael, he beamed, and I knew then that he had found the love of his life. My fondest memory of Thomas was hearing him sing a solo piece in a Christmas concert performed by the Greenville Gay Men's Chorus. What an incredible, heavenly voice! It brought tears to my eyes. He will be greatly missed, and I send my heartfelt condolences to Rafael and Thomas' family!  
Bless you and all who loved this incredible, passionate human being!*

*Hadley H. Mullen*

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**Hadley H. Mullen** - December 31, 2017 at 03:50 PM