

HE IS GONE

*You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he's gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what he'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

NOTE OF THANKS

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks for all expressions of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. It is through your love, prayers, and the Grace of God that we find strength and comfort. May God bless each and every one of you.

THE FAMILY OF MR. LAWRENCE THOMAS

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MR. LAWRENCE THOMAS



SUNRISE
JULY 27, 1953

SUNSET
AUGUST 14, 2025



Sunday

AUGUST 24, 2025 | 4:30 P.M.

THE CITY OF DAVID CHURCH

2500 CRESCENT LANE
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

BISHOP RANJAE CRUMP, SENIOR PASTOR
OFFICIATING



REMEMBERING LAWRENCE

Mr. Lawrence Thomas was born in Tribbett, Mississippi, to the late Maxine Haggard Thomas and the late Charlie Thomas. He entered eternal rest on Thursday; August 14, 2025 at Caromont Regional Medical Center, Gastonia, North Carolina.

Lawrence was a Deacon. He was educated in the Mississippi School System. He worked for the Gaston Gazette newspaper and lived in Gastonia for twenty years. He was an avid sports fan of football. He will be truly missed by everyone that knew him.

He was preceded in death by his mother: Maxine Haggard Thomas; his father: Charlie Thomas; three brothers: Jessie Haggard, Arthur Haggard and Robert Thomas; one sister: Shelia Thomas and one stepson: Raymond Smith.

Memories of Lawrence will be cherished by his wife of seventeen years: Connie Thomas; two sons: Marcus Haynes of Las Vegas, NC; and Derrick Flowers (Natasha) of Conway, AR; three step daughters: Patricia Smith, Charlene Reid and Cindy (Josetha) Thompson all of Gastonia, NC; two sisters: Gloria Thomas and Doris Binde of MS; two brothers: Charles Thomas (Veronica) of Michigan and John L. Thomas (Lee) of MS; special cousin: Joann Flowers and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE



"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.." ~John 14:27



PROCESSIONAL

PRELUDE

(Receiving of friends from 3:30-4:30p.m)

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

Bishop Jerel Rollinson

SELECTION

City of David Praise Team

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament - Pastor Stephanie Crump

New Testament - Apostle Joyce Littlejohn

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Bishop Ranjae Crump

SELECTION

City of David Praise Team

REMARKS

(Limit 2 Minutes)

SELECTION

Danielle Sturgis

WORDS OF COMFORT

Apostle David Littlejohn

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

"I'll Fly Away"