

God looked around his garden and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the Earth and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
With the help of his angels they flew you to your heavenly place.

Gods garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.
He knew you were suffering, he knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never get well on Earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough and the hills too hard to climb.
He closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be Thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.



A Life Well Lived!

Acknowledgement

We wish to express our profound and sincere appreciation for all your acts of kindness shown during the passing of our beloved. It is through your love, prayers, and the grace of God that we find strength and comfort. My God bless and keep you all.

The Thomas Family



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE JOHN ROOSEVELT THOMAS



A Gift Given

July 28, 1936

A Gift Returned

March 20, 2025

Friday, March 28, 2025

12:30 pm

**Liberty Hill AME Zion Church
5387 West Liberty Hill Road
Lake Wylie, South Carolina**

Order of Service

Prelude
 Processional.....Ministers and Family
 Family Visitation.....12:00 P.M – 12:30 P.M.
 Call to Worship.....Rev. Bobby D. McKenzi
 Pastor, Liberty Hill AME Zion Church Lake Wylie, S.C.

Selection.....Liberty Hill Male Choir
 Old Testament.....Minister
 New Testament.....Minister
 Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Jessie Young
 New Beginning Missionary Baptist Church, Gastonia NC

Selection.....Liberty Hill Male Choir

Remarks (2 minutes)

Rev. Olivia Lindsay.....Class Leader
 Frank McClure.....Friend
 Jamere Mack.....Grandson
 Reading of the ObituarySilently
 Acknowledgments and Resolution.....Sarah Usery
 Selection.....Isaac Bell
 Eulogy.....Rev. Thelma Gordon
 Senior Pastor, Jones Memorial AME Zion Church, Columbia, SC
 Recessional.....Choir

Committal/Interment
 Gaston Memorial Park
 Gastonia, North Carolina

Flower Bearers
 Nieces, Family and Friends

Pall Bearers
 Nephews, Family and Friends



John Roosevelt Thomas was born July 28, 1936, in Clover, SC to the late Albert and Nova McCollum Thomas. He departed this life Thursday, March 20, 2025, in Gastonia, NC.

John had various jobs during his lifetime here on earth and had a very special passion for one of which was truck driving. He also had a very fond passion for fishing and playing baseball for which he played during his youth, and well into his adult life. He joined Liberty Hill AME Zion Church in Lake Wylie, SC at a young age, and was a faithful member for many years, where he served in various roles including, Trustee Board, Usher Board, and sang on various choirs.

He was united in marriage to Vernell Thompson Thomas for 67 years. They both enjoyed traveling, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Taffy Thomas, son, Jerry Thompson; brothers, Jasper McCollum, Robert Thomas, Willie Thompson; sisters, Annie Bell Thomas, Margaret Crump, Jessie Thomasson, and Eula Mae Woody.

He leaves many fond and loving memories in the hearts of his wife Vernell Thompson Thomas of the home; twin brother, James Thomas (Alice) of Gastonia, NC; four sons, John E. Thomas (Iris) of Gastonia, NC, Bobby Phillips, Alexander Phillips, Willie Phillips of Lake Wylie, SC; three daughters, Doris Ann Wilson of Lake Wylie, SC, Carmen Evans (David), Pamela Thomas all of Gastonia NC, and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

