



## Going Home

I'm going home to that Beautiful City  
In the Celestial Land  
where my Father dwells

Rejoice with me, don't be sad,  
as I awake to life anew  
To inhabit the Heaven  
as the Angels do.

No more suffering, no more pain  
No more worry to weep or complain  
No time for fear anxiety or sadness  
My life is bliss and full of gladness.

I'm free! I'm free today  
For I touched His Garment  
as He passed my way  
Now I'm going home  
To live with God

—Alvin P. Seabrook—



## Acknowledgement

The family of Thomas Cecil Minter, Sr. acknowledges with sincere appreciation your prayers and all act of kindness shown at this time of bereavement.



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# Celebrating The Life and Legacy of Thomas Cecil Minter, Sr. "Slick"



SUNRISE  
September 21, 1941

SUNSET  
January 29, 2026

Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Costner Funeral Home Chapel  
2425 West Franklin Boulevard  
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

## Order of Service

Pastor Dominic Hamlett  
Officiating

### Receiving of Family & Friends

4:00pm-6:00pm

### Hymn

### Scripture Readings

#### Old Testament

Elder Barbara Massey Arnold

#### New Testament

Rev. Kimberly Timmons

### Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Dominic Hamlett

### *Reflections (2 mins please)*

### Song

Mr. James “JP” Massey

### Words of Comfort

Pastor\_Dominic Hamlett

### Recessional

## Thomas Cecil Minter, Sr. “Slick”

Mr. Thomas Cecil Minter, Sr. was born September 21st, 1941 in Gastonia, North Carolina. He departed this earthly life on Thursday, January 29th, 2026 at Caro Mount Regional Medical Center, Gastonia, North Carolina. He was the first of ten children by the late Cecil and Kinsie Minter.

Affectionately known as “Slick”, he was truly an amazing man whose life was rooted in love, faith, family and service. He was a devoted husband, caring brother, loving father and cherished grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was well-known and deeply respected in his community and church, Mt Zion Church of God, in Gastonia, NC where his presence was a blessing to many.

He shared a deep and lasting love with his wife, Bessie Lee, to whom he was faithfully married to for decades. She preceded him in death August 29th, 2025. Although their time apart was brief, their bond remained unbroken.

For many years, he worked faithfully as the custodian for Southwest Middle School where he would eventually retire. He took pride in this role through his strong work ethic and dedication. Outside of work, he found joy in simple pleasures – spending time with family, watching baseball, taking bus rides, and talking about those Washington Redskins. These moments brought him so much peace and happiness.

Thomas was preceded in death by his son, Leroy Minter; brothers, Ronnie and Larry Dean Minter; sisters, Venus Minter Mason and Brenda Faye Vance; niece, Porscha Mason and nephew, Austen

Left to cherish his memories are his sons, Patrick Minter (Tamisha McCollough Minter) and Jeffrey Davis; daughter, Pearla Robbins; sisters, Evelyn Greco (Sam), Odessa Minter, Patricia Smarr and Bessie Mae Minter; and brother, Andre Minter; grandchildren, Brandon Lowery, Kenya Cruz and Kelsey Minter, Dewayne Robbins, Antonio Robbins and Ashlee Simpson; a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Above all, Thomas will be remembered for his spirit, humility and the love he shared so freely with others. His legacy will live on and his memory will be carried in our hearts forever.

