

PALLBEARERS

Sons
Grandsons
Deacons of Galilee

FLOWER BEARERS

Daughters
Granddaughters
Deaconess of Galilee

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Carver High School Class of 1963

INTERMENT

Friday, February 13, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Highway 119 | Montevallo, Alabama 35115

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Deacon Thomas Lee Graham, Sr., would like to extend our deepest appreciation for the many expressions of kindness shown to us during the passing of our loved one. Know that we live in hope that we shall see him again.

Until then, our prayer is that God will continue to bless each of you.

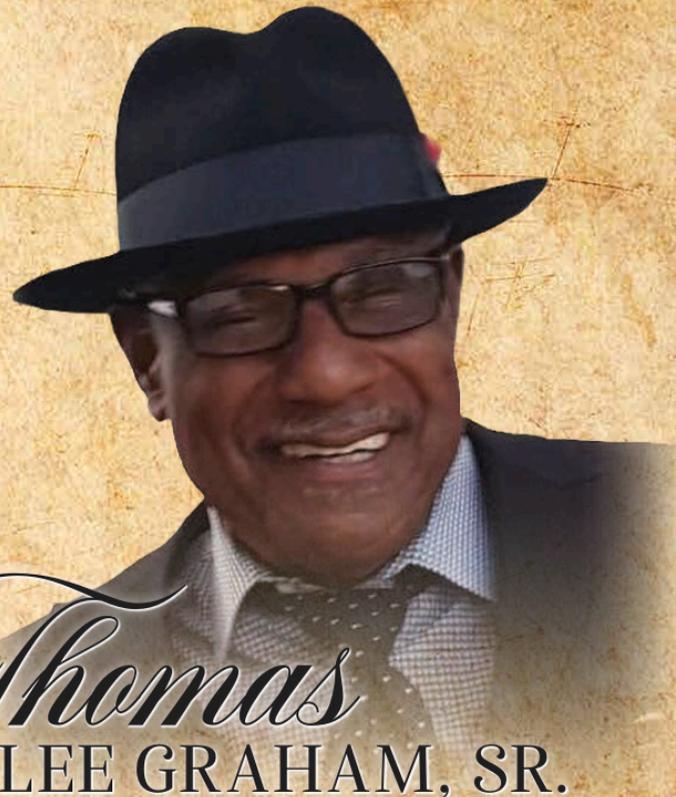
Also, we the family would like to give very special thanks to Dr. Akisanyo, VA Medical Center, SouthernCare New Beacon Hospice, and Nurse Emily Devin for the care of our beloved.

May God bless each and every one of you!

The Graham Family

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO

*G*adsden
MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME



Mr.
Thomas
LEE GRAHAM, SR.

SUNRISE
February 12, 1944

SUNSET
February 4, 2026

Thursday, February 12, 2026
1:00 PM

GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH
904 South 16th Street

REFLECTING ON THE LIFE OF *Thomas Lee Graham, Sr.*

“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” – James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

Deacon Thomas Lee Graham, Sr., was born to the parentage of K. C. and Emma L. Graham on February 12, 1944, in Gadsden, AL, adhering to Proverbs 22:6, “Train up a child up in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Thomas Lee was baptized at an early age at the Galilee Baptist Church with Reverend E. W. Jarrett as his first Pastor.

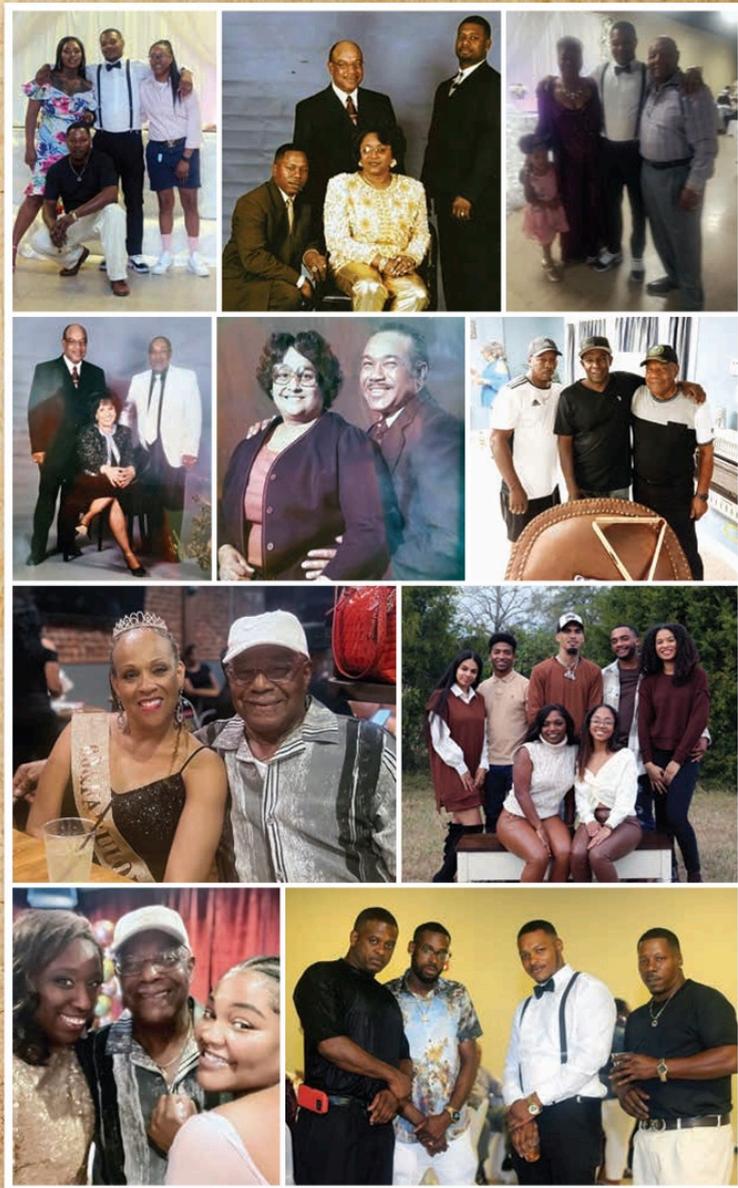
He was a graduate of Carver High School Class of 1962, and on March 6, 1964, he entered the United States Army as a PFC (Private First Class) E-3. He later became a paratrooper of the Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, and received awards, the National Defense Service Medal, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Sharpshooter (Rifle), and Mechanic Badge. His military training also led to him becoming a helicopter mechanic. Upon being honorably discharged in 1967, he enrolled in Gadsden State College and Jacksonville University for three years, and he joined the Alabama National Guard.

On July 17, 1968, he was united in a marriage of 57 years to Sandra K. Graham.

Thomas was a true work-a-holic. He worked 17 years for Allis Chalmers Plant, was band manager and co-owner of ‘Keepers of the Castle,’ co-owner of Depot Lounge, served on the boards of the American Red Cross the Civil Service, and he was a member of the American Legion. He owned T & T Motors (buying and selling cars) and Towing & Recovery. For over 42 years, he owned Graham’s Body Shop, a family-owned business which is still a thriving and prosperous business in the community.

As a community leader, he mentored many and offered good judgment in being able to acquire the credentials in helping them to open a business of their own. He was a great friend to vent to when advice was needed and/or circumstances needed to be solved.

Through the years, he received many awards from his achievements in various entities. He was a very dedicated person who could turn a handful of nothing into something greater. He focused on making a dollar and was a straight to the point type of man.



PRECIOUS MEMORIES

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....*Soft Music*

Musical Selection..... Galilee Choir

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Reverend Antonio Bozeman

New Testament..... Reverend Hugh Trammell

Prayer..... Reverend Charles Kirkpatrick

Musical Selection..... Mrs. Benita Jemison
Mrs. Renita Davis

Acknowledgements..... Deacon Vincent Looney

Proclamation..... Pastor Steve Smith, Gadsden City Councilman

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Freddie Scott

Musical Selection..... Galilee Choir

Recessional.....*Soft Music*

Safely Home

Those Gates of Pearl opened wide

A great voice said, "Come inside."

It comforts us to know you're not alone

You're safe with God in your new home.

REFLECTING ON THE LIFE OF

Thomas Lee Graham, Sr.

He was a faithful and diligent member of Galilee Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend G. E. Robinson where he served as Chairman of the Deacon Board for over 20 years, Clerk in Business Finances, and was also a Sunday School Teacher.

Thomas loved his family and going to church the most.

His hobbies were bass fishing, lawn care, boating, traveling, gardening, fixing various things, family gatherings, taking pictures, listening to music, birdwatching, and reading.

His favorite sports team was Auburn, but in 2018, he changed over to Alabama. Roll Tide!

His favorite sayings were "Stir around in mess, it's going to stank," and "God bless a child with his own."

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, K. C. Graham and Emma L. Graham; brother, Kay Virgie Graham; and daughter, Vicki Townsend.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Sandra K. Graham; six children, Cedric (Phylis) Graham of Gadsden, AL, Thomas (Jeanetta) Graham of Gadsden, AL, Bridgett Smith of Tampa, FL, Ruben Smoots, Sr., of Denver, CO, Michael "Bam" Baker of Gadsden, AL, and Reginald "Poochie (Priscilla) Cox; 22 grandchildren, Cedric Graham (CJ), Shanteka Snow, Tevin (Da'Arle) Graham, Tajahani Graham, Janithia (Boom) Graham, Menyuan Jordan, Travis Smith, Dr. Brian (Brittany) Smith, Ruben Smoots, Jr., Chloe Smoots, Shawndez English, Dee Parker, Marcus Kimble, Shantavious Williams, Jayla Williams, Hailey Cox, J. B., Courtland, Reggie, Rylee, Bryce Townsend, and Ziana Townsend; 23 great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Fielder (Harold Jordan); sisters-in-law, Barbara (John) Revere, Sherral (Billy) Johnson, and Janetta (Norman) Harkness; several nieces and nephews; special cousin, Luther Marbury; adoptive kids, John Brooks, Jr., Eddie Brooks, and Betty Lynn Brooks; special friends, James Kirkland, Michael Howell, Joe Williams, Jesse Rawls, Spencer Gray, Vincent Looney, Mario Jackson, Tony Tolbert, Curtis Isom, Betty Calloway, Susie Thomas, Alan Holland, and Reggie Parker.



*Do Not
Stand at My
Grave and Weep*

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there; I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there; I did not die.

