

DEACON *Albert* THOMAS, JR.

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Devin Thomas
Nicholas Thomas
Aaron White

Corey Thomas
Caleb Mayo
Hunter Meeks

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Lemuel Meeks, Sr.
Lemuel Meeks, Jr.
Antone Massey
Mark Swilley, Jr.

Shawn Ivy
Tyrone Ivy
Kenny Johnson
Alvin J. Wright

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Family and Friends
Howard Academy - Class of 1960
Former Students

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Jefferson County High School Cafeteria
50 David Road
Monticello, Florida 32344

The Family's Message of Gratitude

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a flower piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you said the kindest words, that any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us this day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much – Whatever the part.

We are indeed grateful to each of you, our many friends, for your countless acts of compassion, which you have shared with us during the illness and subsequent transition of our beloved, *Deacon Albert Thomas, Jr.* We express our sincere gratitude for your prayers, condolences, and every act of kindness shown to us during our time of loss. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless and keep each of you in His infinite care.

A special THANK YOU to the loving Caregivers of our Señor Tomás. Words cannot express our appreciation to each of you for the role you played. The American Cancer Society, Covenant Care of Tallahassee, Judy Byford, Mercedes Beverly, Dorothy Crumity and Gayle Arnold – our love for each of you will forever be remembered.

~The Family of Albert Thomas, Jr.

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Your Life Was A Blessing, Your Memory A Treasure



We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed upon us during the Homegoing Services of your loved one. Our fondest hope is that all measures of assistance rendered your family have been completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.

THE ANGELS ARE WAITING AT HEAVEN'S GATE FOR

Señor

CELEBRATING
THE LIFE, LOVE
& LEGACY
OF

Precious Memories

DEACON
Albert
THOMAS, JR.
"SEÑOR TOMÁS"

Day of Joy *Day of Peace*
May 27, 1942 October 9, 2023

~CELEBRATING HIS LIFE~
Saturday, October 21, 2023
11:00 Ante Meridiem

THE (OLD) JEFFERSON COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
579 South Water Street
Monticello, Florida 32344

Bishop Joseph W. Henderson, Eulogist
Founder & Senior Pastor,
Celebrate New Life Tabernacle
Outreach & Family Worship Center, Inc.
3050 Agape Lane
Tallahassee, Florida 32311

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*God Saw You
Were Getting Tired*

God saw the road was getting rough;

The hills were hard to climb.

He gently closed those loving eyes

And whispered, "Peace be thine."

The weary hours, the days of pain,

The sleepless nights are past.

The ever-patient, worn-out frame

Has found sweet rest at last.

God saw that you were getting weary,

So He did what He knew best.

He came and stood beside you

And whispered, "Come and rest."

You bid no one a last farewell,

Not even a good-bye.

You were gone before we knew it,

And only God knows why.

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A Glimpse of His Life

DEACON ALBERT THOMAS, JR.
"SEÑOR TOMÁS"
1942-2023

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."
Psalm 37:23*

"God was up to something good, and he chose Albert Thomas, Jr. to be a part of it."

Deacon Albert Thomas, Jr. was the blessed only son of Albert Thomas, Sr. and Idella Thomas. He was born on May 27, 1942, in the Dills community of Jefferson County (Monticello), Florida. A lifelong resident, he was determined to be actively involved in making a difference in the community he dearly loved.

"The joy of the Lord is his strength." -Nehemiah 8:10

Albert Thomas, Jr.'s successful life journey was the fulfillment of God's divine purpose for his life. God blessed Albert with a servant leader's heart and personal skills to positively influence the lives of others. He was a dedicated teacher, mentor, friend, and trustee who was also articulate, knowledgeable, and concerned, but most of all, he was well-loved and highly respected.

"Delight yourself in the Lord; He will give you the desires of your heart." -Psalm 37:4

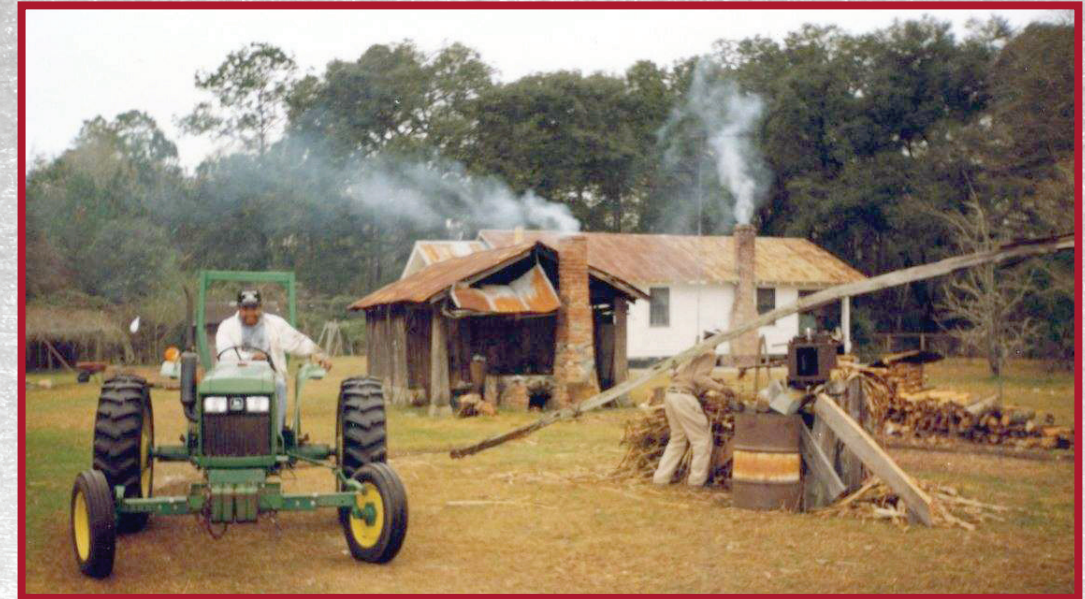
Deacon Albert made his personal confession of his belief in Jesus, was baptized, and became a member of the household of faith. He established a relationship with God and began his mission to gain eternal life. As he grew in grace, he demonstrated Christlike qualities by leading with Christian examples. In doing so, he instilled in his family the desire to walk upright before God for themselves. As a member of Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, Deacon Albert served faithfully on the Deacon and Trustee Boards. More recently, he later became a member of Celebrate New Life Tabernacle, Inc.

"Whoever desires to become great among you, shall be a servant." -Matthew 20:26

Albert Thomas worked in various levels in the educational, and community vineyards. He retired after more than 35 years of committed service in the Jefferson County School System including administrative and School Board office experience. In the classroom, the Lord equipped Albert with the necessary skills for interacting with the students to give God the glory for their success. Students from his Spanish classes (many decades later) continue to speak highly of the valuable lessons "Señor Tomás" taught them. Whether he spoke in English or in Spanish, "Señor Tomás" promoted academic excellence - leaving no child behind because he believed in them.

Likewise, he had the same standard of excellence in everything he attempted because his desire was to always give God his best. Albert Thomas, Jr. was involved in being active, productive, and committed to various civic, educational, and everyday involvements because he was also determined to make a difference in his hometown community.

Precious Memories





In Loving Memory of Our Father **THE GREAT, MR. ALBERT THOMAS, JR.**

Our father was a loving, tenderhearted, and kind man that taught us so many things about life and manhood. He loved us unconditionally, and he will be deeply missed. We are left with a multitude of beautiful memories that we will cherish forever.

We are proud to be our father's living legacy. He instilled in us a hard work ethic, how to love, and be kind to others. He set the example of how to live a God-fearing life. He was someone that never complained. Even when his health began to decline, he would apologize for what he thought was a burden, but little did he know it was our honor and privilege to be by his side and spend as much time with him as we could.

Our father was not only a treasure to our family but to Jefferson County, Florida. He was respected by everyone who knew him. He would always introduce us with such pride to his friends, co-workers, and associates. Likewise, we were also happy to let everyone know that he was our dad.

We will forever admire and love our father. Even though we are sad that he is gone, we celebrate the life that he lived. We will ensure that our mother is loved and cared for (just the way you raised us).

*Love you forever...
Your sons,
Derrick, Warren, and Edwin*



Albert Thomas, Jr. began his educational journey at Howard Academy in Monticello, and proceeded to Suwannee River Junior College, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU), University of Washington (Seattle), Florida State University, and University of Florida. As a student at FAMU, he was inducted (second in his class) into Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. Later he selflessly declined an offer in the doctoral program because he felt there was a greater need for him to return home to help the students succeed. Great is thy faithfulness!

Some of the many organizations of his active participation included the Jefferson Senior Executive Board, Special Adviser & Fundraiser (Monticello Boys & Girls Club), Chamber of Commerce – Board of Directors, Tri-County Electric - District 7, Board of Directors, Jefferson County High School JROTC Booster, Big Bend Hospice member, Adult & Community Educators (ACE) of Florida, Jefferson County Democratic Executive Committee, Jefferson County Ministerial Association, and Florida Vocational Association.

"His soul was anchored in the Lord."

Because his physical weakness created spiritual strength, *Albert* was not weary in spirit, nor did he complain at any point in his illness. Whenever he was asked how he was feeling, his familiar response was, "I'm trying to make it." However, he also had a made-up mind that "When He calls me, I will answer. I'll be somewhere listening for my name." His prayer was answered in the early morning hour on Monday, October 9, 2023, when *Albert Thomas, Jr.* heard the Master call his name. Then in a moment and in the twinkling of an eye, he joyfully transitioned from his earthly labor to receive his heavenly reward. "Well done, good and faithful servant.... Enter the joy of the Master."

"When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that would be."

Deacon Albert Thomas, Jr. lived to die only to live again. He was determined to do as much as he could, for all that he could, and in any way that he could. His spiritual legacy is embedded in the hearts of all who will miss him until they meet again. Among them are his loving wife of 57 years: Celestine Perry Thomas of Monticello, FL; devoted sons: Derrick E. (Lourdes) Thomas of Tallahassee, FL, Warren S. (Cassandra) Thomas of Wesley Chapel, FL, and Edwin K. (Janine) Thomas of Monticello, FL; sisters: Nellie Thomas Randell of Riverview, FL and Josephine (Bishop Stanley) Williams of Youngstown, OH; brother-in-law: Ellis Ivy of Orlando, FL; sister-in-law: Manuel Lee Wright of Monticello, FL; grandchildren: Devin Thomas, Erica Thomas, Corey Thomas, Nicholas Thomas, Paris Thomas, Crystal Mayo, Caleb Mayo, and Amaya Thomas; godchildren: Jennifer Brown, Adreaunna Brown Nelson, and Loray Washington; together with many other loving and sorrowing relatives, friends, and associates.

"Adiós Señor Tomás"

*"You've been faithful; you've been true, and for all the things that you do, and for your faithfulness, it's your time. You applauded the rest; now it's your time to be blessed, and for your faithfulness, it's your time."
- Luther Barnes*

The Divine Order of Service

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
-2 Timothy 4:7*

Prelude.....	The <i>J.P. Moore</i> Gospel Chorale & Band
Processional.....	Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family
Parting Glance & Seating of the Family	The <i>J.P. Moore</i> Staff
The Prayer of Consolation.....	Rev. Gilbert Connelly
Mime Dance.....	Mr. Antone Massey
THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:	
Old Testament	Rev. Melvin Roberts
New Testament	Rev. Reginald Daniels
Selection.....	The <i>J.P. Moore</i> Gospel Choir & Band
FAMILY & FRIENDS REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES	
Class of 1960.....	Two Minutes Each, Please Pastor Shirley Washington
As a Friend.....	Mr. Bobby Dodd & Mr. Donnie Waldrep
As a Board Member.....	Mr. Julius Hackett, CEO, Tri County Electric
As an Educator	Mr. George Pittman, Jefferson County Schools
As a Christian.....	Rev. Willie Webster, Elizabeth M.B. Church
Acknowledgements & Resolutions	The <i>J.P. Moore</i> Staff
Selection.....	The <i>J. P. Moore</i> Gospel Chorale & Band
Words of Comfort	Bishop Joseph W. Henderson
Mortician's Brief.....	Mr. Jamarie n "J.P." Moore, LFD, CFSP
Recessional.....	Clergy & Family

*"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."
-Psalm 30:5*

Earthly Bed of Slumber

HYMN | COMMITTAL | MORTICIAN'S BRIEF | FINAL PRESENTATIONS
Oakfield Cemetery
2402 Waukeenah Highway | Monticello, FL 32344



Until We Meet Again

*As I look back over each day, from the time we first met, Sunday, September 25, 1966 was the
BEST and happiest day of my life. On that special day,
I became the wife of ALBERT THOMAS, JR. To this union we became the parents of three
wonderful sons.*

*You became my best friend, my confidant, my love, my soulmate and a man that I looked up to
as the love of my life. We were blessed to have shared 57 wonderful years of marriage.
I consider it a blessing from God that we were able to celebrate another year of marriage
two weeks before you left this world.*

*I appreciate you for being a Child of God, the head, and provider of our family. Every day was
not easy, but we labored together doing farm work of growing tobacco and cotton to furthering
our education to provide the things our family and parents needed to survive.*

*Death cannot weaken the bond we shared. I will always carry your love and memories in my
heart. Our cherished moments will keep me going until we meet again as I still feel your
presence. I will forever honor and cherish our life together
by reminiscing over the joys we shared.*

Your Loving Wife,
Celestine

