

# A TRIBUTE TO *Deacon Charles Houston*

*From quiet roads of Georgetown clay,  
Where morning prayers began each day,  
A humble boy with heart so wide,  
Was raised by love and Heaven's guide.*

*With hands made strong from work and grace,  
He built a life, a sacred place.  
Not walls alone from stone or steel,  
But homes of warmth, and meals of zeal.*

*He stirred the pot with gentle care,  
And seasoned life with love and prayer.  
A father's laugh, a granddad's smile—  
He made each burden feel worthwhile.*

*He walked in faith, and served with pride,  
A deacon strong at Jesus' side.  
In pew or truck or on the street,  
He made God's mercy feel complete.*

*No stranger lingered at his gate,  
For kindness came, never too late.  
He met the world with open hands,  
A steward of the Lord's commands.*

*Though now his hands are folded still,  
His labor done, his final will—  
To leave this world more full of light,  
And reunite with God in flight.*

*So when the tears begin to fall,  
Recall the joy he gave us all.  
His life, a song of love's refrain—  
Indeed, his living was not in vain.*

— Written by J.P. Moore

*Active Pallbearers*  
Justin McQuay      Demarcus Fudge  
Da'Quarius Thompkins      Danyell Davis  
Jarvis McQuay      Chavaz Gee

*Active Floral Bearers*  
Family and Friends

*Repast*  
Immediately following the Committal, the Family invites you to join them for a Repast in the Annex of St. James Missionary Baptist Church – Madison, Florida.

*Earthly Bed of Slumber*  
Oakridge No. 1 Cemetery  
394 NW Meeting Avenue  
Madison, FL 32340

*The Family's Message of Gratitude*  
The Family of Deacon Charles Houston wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude to those who have offered their prayers, support, and well wishes during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your love and strength which, along with the strength of God, has helped to sustain us through our sorrow. May God continue to bless you!

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9 ...  
"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." -The Family

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.

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*Celebrating*  
THE LIFE, LOVE, & STRENGTH OF



*Deacon*  
**CHARLES**  
*Houston*

*Start of the Route*  
June 15, 1951

*Final Stop*  
April 24, 2025

Celebrating His Life  
Saturday, May 3, 2025  
11:00 Ante Meridiem

St. James Missionary Baptist Church  
497 SW Georgetown Rd  
Madison, Florida 32340  
Bishop Thomas D.A. Blue III, Gracious Host, Eulogist

J.P. Moore Undertaking Company, Directing



# Life Story

“THEN MY LIVING SHALL NOT BE IN VAIN”

DEACON CHARLES HOUSTON, the beloved son of Levi Houston and Mary Gallon, was born on June 15, 1951. They instilled in him values of faith and hard work through his upbringing at home in the Georgetown community. He was also blessed to have had extended family members and caring neighbors who were major influences in his life. He was a lifelong resident of Madison, Florida.

The shining example of God’s love and grace was reflected in Deacon Houston’s role as a great husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. He loved everyone unconditionally and had his own way of making each person feel special. He was an excellent cook who was rewarded for his efforts when they enjoyed and appreciated what he prepared.

Deacon Houston professed his belief in Jesus Christ at an early age. As he matured in faith, he was also a member committed to be of service to others. He was a dedicated pillar of St. James Missionary Baptist Church and was later chosen to serve on the Deacon Board.

A reflection of God’s love in his life, Deacon Houston was one who never met strangers, for he considered them to be friends he had not yet gotten a chance to know. He was cordial and extremely helpful to anyone in need.

Deacon Houston began his formal education at Madison County Training School and received his diploma from the Adult Vocational Program at North Florida Junior College (currently North Florida State College). Afterwards, he taught masonry classes there. Because of his desire to try something new, he obtained his CDL certification to begin his career in truck driving. Another favorite pastime of his was being a mechanic.

On Thursday, April 24, 2025, the Lord looked upon Deacon Charles Houston with eyes of compassion, for he had fulfilled his purpose on earth. “Then in a twinkling of an eye, Deacon Charles transitioned from earthly labor to receive his heavenly reward.”

Deacon Charles Houston will live on through his legacy of love and goodwill to his family, his community, and to his church. Those who will miss him until they meet again are his loving wife of nearly 40 years: Mary Williams Houston of Madison, FL; son: Anthony S. (April) Robinson of Madison, FL; daughters: Katrina (Tony) Williams, Kechia Robinson (Travis), Dessenna (Danyell) Davis, Shandra Treadwell, all of Madison, FL, Charslyn (Christopher) Chambers of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Kenya Houston of Orlando, FL; mother: Mary Gallon Wesley; brothers: Michael Houston, Tim Houston, Douglas (Pornnapa) Wesley of Thailand, Otis (Lenore) Wesley of San Diego, CA, and Michael (Inette) Wesley of Pflugerville, TX; sisters: Moniece Wesley, Elaine (Ashley) Oglesby, Carolyn Cherry, and Susan Turner, all of Madison, FL, Jacqueline DeLeon, Dorothy Houston, and Lavora (Johnnie) McDaniel, all of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Dorothea (Major) Sims and Sharlett Richardson, all of Orlando, FL, Joann Houston of NY, Beverly (Willie) Walton of Atlanta, GA, and Elaine (John) Young of Syracuse, NY; fifteen grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister-in-love: Lizzie Mae Williams of Orlando, FL; best friends: Peter Jackson and Michael Gibson; godchildren: Candra McQuay, Tokethia Bryant, Adrian Ghent, and Bobby Williams III; together with many other sorrowing relatives, mournful friends, and the St. James Baptist Church family.

Preceding Deacon Charles Houston in death were his father, Levi Houston; his son, Bernard Sneed; and his daughter, Tamekia Houston.

# Precious Memories



# THE DIVINE Order of Service

Prelude..... J.P. Moore Gospel Band & Psalmist

Processional..... Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Parting Glance & Seating of the Family ... The *J.P. Moore* Staff

The Prayer of Consolation.....Sister Kayla Arnold

The Holy Scriptures:

Old Testament ..... Pastor Chris Cooks

New Testament .....Deacon Reginald Davis

Solo .....Evangelist Tomura Byrd Mathis

## REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES

Two Minutes each, please

As A Deacon – Deacon Bruce Denson

As A Friend – Brother Raymond Jonas, Sr.

As A Brother – Otis Wesley

Acknowledgements & Resolutions ..... The *J.P. Moore* Staff

Solo .....Reverend Dr. Charlie L. Barfield

Words of Comfort ..... Bishop Thomas D.A. Blue III

Mortician’s Brief ..... Mr. Jamarien “J.P.” Moore, LFD

Recessional..... Clergy & Family

*Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy! – Isaiah 26:19*