

In Loving Memory of
Charles Thomas



Sunrise
July 26, 1932

Sunset
December 23, 2014

Saturday January 10, 2015 - 11:00 A.M.

Solid Rock Baptist Church
664 Chancellor Avenue
Irvington, New Jersey
Reverend Dr. Reginald Pitts; Officiating

Obituary

Charles Thomas was born and raised in Tampa, Florida to the late Charlie and Fannie Elizabeth Thomas on July 26, 1932.

Charles was educated and lived the early part of his life in Tampa, Florida. Charles began his career as a Life Guard for the Dade County Park and Recreation where he was a Swimming Instructor for three schools in Florida. While pursuing his career in Florida, he was drafted by the United States Army. He proudly accepted the challenge of serving his country. During his years in the army, he served in the Korean War and was held as a Prisoner of War for 2 years. Charles received the National Defense Service Medal, the United National Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal and the Bronze Service Star.

Charles met and married Geraldine, his devoted partner, in July, 1954. They have been married for 60 years. The two were always seen together serving jointly on the Senior Ushers' Ministry of Solid Rock Baptist Church.

In recognition of his devotion to the church and his outstanding Christian attributes, he was ordained a Deacon at Solid Rock Baptist Church on February 16, 1997. Deacon Thomas along with his wife Geraldine proudly served on the Deacon/Deaconess Ministry since his ordination.

Deacon Thomas served as President of the Ushers' Ministry for many years and as an Advisor to the Baptist Ushers' Union of Newark and Vicinity.

Deacon Thomas who was a founding member of Solid Rock Baptist Church has always been a faithful servant of God. He was devoted to his church and worked day and night ensuring the upkeep of the facility until he was physically unable able to serve. During his many years serving, he proudly took on the job of Van Driver and made sure that his church family was able to attend Bible Study, Sunday Worship Services and any outings attended in support of the church ministry.

Deacon Thomas leaves to mourn his death, his wife Geraldine, a daughter, Connie Hall and three grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and his church family.

Deacon Thomas was preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Henderson

Selection.....Deacon Perry

Acknowledgements/Obituary

Remarks(2 Minutes)

Selection.....Sister Evelyn Shorter

Eulogy.....Pastor Reginald Pitts

Committal

Recessional

Interment
Private



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.*

*Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.*

*It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.*

*Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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