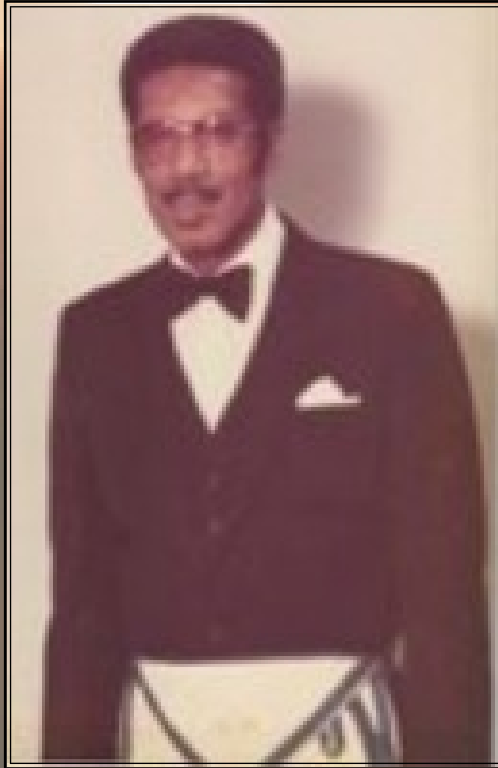


# Celebrating The Life of Charles B. Thomas, Jr.

**Sunrise**  
**January 22, 1930**

**Sunset**  
**April 10, 2015**



*“Man of Dignity”*  
**I Timothy 2:2**

Saturday, April 18, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

**NEW A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

153 Lawrence Place

Paterson, New Jersey 07501

***Reverend Robert C. Russell, Officiating***

# Reflections of Life

**Charles B. Thomas, Jr.**, was born on January 22, 1930 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the proud parents of the late Charles and Pansy Mason-Thomas. He lived and received his education in Accomac, Virginia until adulthood where he then relocated to Paterson, New Jersey in 1948.

Charles served in the US Army for a short period where he was Honorably Discharged in 1951. He worked as a Traffic Manager, Truck Driver and Taxi Cab Driver for over thirty years and most recently as a courier for transactions with Division of Motor Vehicles.

Charles was a member of New A.M.E. Zion Church for many years where he served on several organizations as well as the Executive Board. He was a member of the Virginia-based Mary N. Smith Alumni Association where he held the position of treasurer since its inception in 1998. Charles' pride and joy was serving as a Cub Scout Master for "Pack 842" of Paterson and he was very active in the Boy Scouts of America.

For his dedication to young people, he was awarded the Whitney M. Young Service Award, which was presented to him by New Jersey Senator, John A. Girgenti. Charles was a member of St. Paul Lodge No. 7 of Hackensack, New Jersey since 1981. He held the position of Most Excellent High Priest and Treasurer. He was a 32° Mason and a Shriner.

Charles was married to the late Susan Alexander Thomas who predeceased him in June of 1993.

Left to cherish his precious memories of his life are: his sons, Charles E. Thomas of Paterson, NJ, Robert Thomas and Eric Mikel of Delaware; daughters, Sylvia Thomas of Georgia, Charlotte Diggs of Delaware and Vanessa Norman of Clifton; brothers, Robert Thomas of Raleigh, NC and Philip S. Thomas of Charlotte, NC, (wife, Greta); sisters, Barbara Slaughter of Linden, NJ and Sadie Miller of Wayne, NJ; sisters-in-law, Rose Marie Stokes (husband, Clinton) and Violet Stokes (husband, Anthony); grandchildren, and great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Words of Assurance.....Reverend Robert C. Russell

Hymn of Praise.....*“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”*

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - I Timothy 2:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements and Selections from Family and Friends

Reading of The Reflections of Life

Musical Selection

Eulogy/Message of Comfort.....Reverend Robert C. Russell

Words of Committal

Recessional

## Cremation

Cedar Lawn Crematory  
Paterson, New Jersey

# 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 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 go 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

*The family of **Charles B. Thomas, Jr.** thank you  
for your prayers, comfort, love and support  
during this difficult time.*

*May God continue to bless you all.*

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