

THE
HOMEGOING
CELEBRATION
FOR

TRUMAN

HILARY GENIUS THOMAS

DECEMBER 19, 1945 - JANUARY 19, 2025

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

10:00 A.M. VIEWING | 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

FROM THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES®

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BISHOP JOHN A. CHERRY, II - PASTOR

OBITUARY

Truman Hilary Genius Thomas was born to the late Truman H. Thomas, Sr. and Carolyn Genius on December 19, 1945, in Bethesda, Maryland. He was raised by his beloved uncle and aunt, James and Lillian Herbert.

Truman grew up in Washington, D.C., and attended the District of Columbia Public Schools.

He worked for the District of Columbia Housing Authority, the United States Capitol, and the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority. After retiring, he worked part-time for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and later accepted a position at From the Heart Church Ministries, Property Management Department.

He joined From the Heart Church Ministries in 1988 and faithfully served in the Parking and Grounds, Special Services, and Usher Ministries. Truman also regularly attended Men's Fellowships.

Truman was a dedicated Washington Commanders fan, and on game days, he and his friend William Edwards served as unofficial sports commentators and engaged in lively phone conversations, critiquing the plays, and celebrating touchdowns. Game days were truly his own.

Truman met the love of his life, Lenora, in 1960. Though their initial meeting was brief, fate intervened years later, bringing them together again at Lenora's mother and stepfather's home. Her parents had known Truman since his childhood. Truman and Lenora shared laughter and a newfound connection sparked a love that culminated in their marriage on August 23, 1986.

Truman enjoyed walking across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, biking at Haines Point, watching Old Westerns, and having breakfast at two of his favorite restaurants, IHOP and First Watch.

His greatest joy; however, was spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom he loved to spoil—a perfect excuse for him to indulge in some treats for himself.

Truman will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 38 years, Lenora; sister, Bonnie Thomas; daughters, Trumaine and Denetra (Mike); stepdaughters, Fran (Ricardo) and Tracey (James); sister-in-law, Diane (Roderick); brother-in-law, Alvin (Kellee); many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Truman was preceded in death by his brothers, Truman H. Thomas, Jr., and Ricky Thomas.

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Invocation

Congregational Hymn “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-7
New Testament: I Corinthians 13

Prayer of Comfort

Selection FTH Psalmist

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Mr. Roland Hayes, Friend
Mr. Roderick Hunter, Brother-in-law
Mr. Alan Graham, Supervisor and Friend
Mr. Scottie Lee and Mr. Rodney Crestwell, Co-workers and Friends

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation FTH Psalmist

Message of Hope Bishop John A. Cherry, II

Call to Christ

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Family Sentiments

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A VERY SPECIAL HUSBAND

*When God was making husbands, as far as I can see,
He made a special soulmate, especially for me.*

*He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind,
With more love, and affection, than you could ever hope to find.
He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold, A treasure more
precious than stories ever told.*

*He was someone I could talk to, in sunshine or in shade, a partner, a
love that never strayed.*

*No one can replace my love, my guiding light, He filled my days with
joy and made my future bright.*

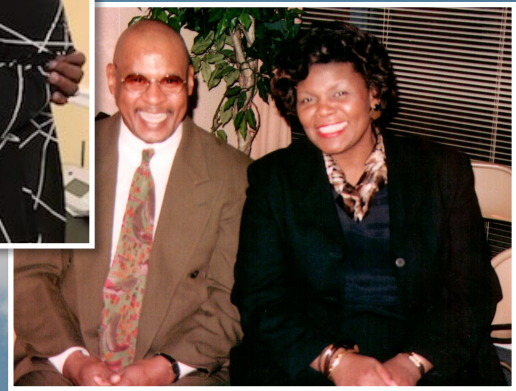
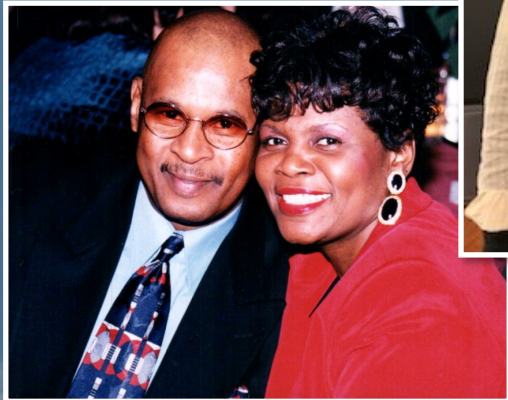
*He was someone I could laugh with, till tears ran down my face, A
bond so strong and tender, that time cannot erase.*

*Now memories linger, like stars within the night, guiding me through
darkness, with their gentle, loving light.*

*Though sorrow fills my heart, and tears may freely flow, I cherish every
moment, the love we used to know.*

*The next time we meet, I will put my arms around you, as we enter
Heaven's Gate.*

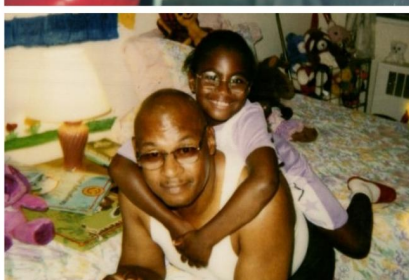
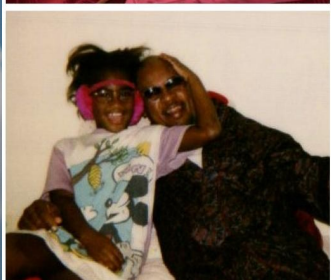
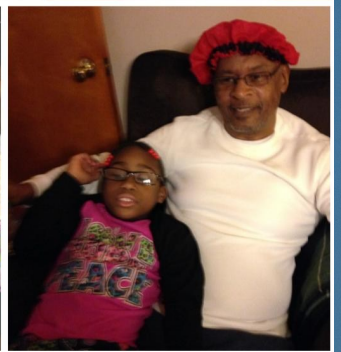
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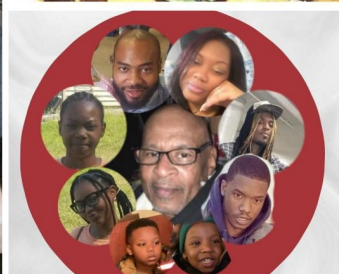


Truman,

I knew tears would run down my face, but that's okay because God has taken you home to a better place. Rest in peace Truman/Granddad.

~ Love, Lenora





Congregational Hymns

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When Darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found! Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

Chorus

Acknowledgements

The family of Truman Thomas acknowledges with deep appreciation every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in perfect peace! We love you all.

A special thank you to Bishop and Mrs. John A. Cherry, II and the entire From the Heart Church Ministries family for your love and support during this time. And thank you to the Washington Hospital Center Palliative Care Unit for lovingly caring for Truman and extending that same level of love and support to our entire family.

Pallbearers

*Rodney Crestwell, Roland Hayes,
Roderick Hunter, and Scottie Lee*

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Services Entrusted to:

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