



## Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.

August 30, 1948 - November 15, 2020

\*\*\*DUE TO THE NEW MANDATES ORDERED FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, up to 25 people are the maximum that will be allowed in our chapel starting Wednesday, November 18, 2020 for (3) weeks, until we receive further notice of any changes

\*\*\*\*\*MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHEN ENTERING OUR BUILDING\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*PRIVATE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE FAMILY, UP TO (25) people allowed in the space.

\*\*\*\*INTERMENT WILL BE HELD AT FT. CUSTER NATIONAL CEMETERY\*\*\*\*\*Only (25) people can be in attendance at the cemetery,  
\*\*\*\*MASKS ARE ALSO REQUIRED AT THE CEMETERY\*\*\*\*

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### The Obituary

When Thomas laid down to sleep; the Lord came for his soul to keep.

Deacon Thomas Charleston Sr. known as “Mr2Tall” was called to glory on November 15, 2020. He was born August 30, 1948 the second oldest of nine children, to the late Isiah and Eileen Charleston in Kalamazoo, MI. Thomas gave his life to Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Zion Baptist

Church in 1958.

He attended Kalamazoo Public Schools and graduated from Old Central High School in 1967. Thomas joined the U.S. Army in January of 1968 and fought in the Vietnam War where he earned various awards and medals for his service. After returning home from with an honorable discharge, he joined the National Guard where he also served for several years. During that time Thomas met his soulmate Theresa Alston and they married in 1995 and built a life together. Thomas was employed with Checker Motors, Bronson Hospital and Design Ware before retiring in 2010.

Thomas loved prayer meeting and bible study and his favorite scripture was John 14:2-3, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I to go and prepare a place for you. I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also". In addition, he enjoyed bowling, mastering technology, old western and war movies, traveling with his wife (mainly cruising), spending quality time with family during holidays, picnics, family game night along with quality time with his grandbabies. Lastly, he loved his Pepsi, rarely would you see him without one in his hand or his granddaughter, Diedra by his side in which he nicknamed "Chocolate".

Thomas found a new church home in 2008 with First United Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Lenzy Bell. He was a good and faithful servant and First United Baptist Church became his second home. Thomas served as a Deacon and Chair of The Trustees along with varies other task and had grown to love his church family as his own.

Thomas leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Theresa Alston-Charleston; 2 sons, Thomas Charleston Jr. and Leroy Robinson; 4 daughters, Rachelle Charleston, Angela (Steve) Bliss, Catherine (Kay-Kay) and Lameka Alston all

of Kalamazoo, MI; 3 brothers, Jeffrey and Bruce (Beverly) Charleston all of Kalamazoo, MI and Derek Charleston of Battle Creek, MI; 2 sisters Mary Charleston-Elder and Tracy Charleston-Blakes both of Kalamazoo, MI; 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren; 2 uncles, Rev. George Dunigan Jr. of Flint, MI and Alfred Charleston of Grand Rapids, MI; 2 aunts, Rosalee Springs of Grand Rapids, MI and Maudine Coleman of Kalamazoo, MI; 2 special childhood friends, Gilbert Bell and Jack Peake along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *LB lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



**LB** - December 02, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Tommy, my family too! I am going to miss my dear cousin, especially his one of a kind laugh!! He surely was one of my favorites and he will remain in my heart until we meet again!!*

**Bobbie Nabors** - November 28, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ *Charles E Clark Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



**Charles E Clark Sr** - November 23, 2020 at 10:31 PM

CW

“ *Family our condolences and prayers for you in the upcoming days, to allow the Holy Spirit to comfort you and give you each what you need to go on in peace.*



Carl & Florest Wilson - November 23, 2020 at 11:50 AM

GB

“ *Gina Branion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Gina Branion - November 22, 2020 at 05:31 PM

LJ

“ *We all grew up together on Princeton good memories  
God Bless you all*



Lucy Jackson - November 22, 2020 at 09:34 AM

CS

“ *Thank you too tall for your support when I lost my two brothers this year. And, my heart goes out to my Sister in law Theresa and your family In their loss. Your brother in law  
Charles E Clark Sr*

*Numbers 6: 24-26*

Charles E Clark Sr - November 21, 2020 at 06:33 PM

CA

“ *Clarence Atkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**Clarence Atkins** - November 21, 2020 at 11:36 AM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**Dallas Boards and family** - November 20, 2020 at 05:59 PM

WF

“ *Theresa and family our heartfelt sympathy we extend to you and our prayers of peace and comfort for you all. To know Tommy was to love him. He will truly be missed.*

*The Fields Family (cousins).*

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**Wendy Fields** - November 20, 2020 at 05:27 PM

PJ

“ *Paulette Julian lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**Paulette Julian** - November 20, 2020 at 04:38 PM

JW

“ *Jean White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



**Jean White** - November 20, 2020 at 09:37 AM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



**Selena Walker** - November 20, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ *Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



**Malinda Ligon-Whitley** - November 20, 2020 at 01:02 AM

LW

“ *Lenora Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



**lenora williams** - November 19, 2020 at 09:58 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**Pauline Gardner** - November 19, 2020 at 09:42 PM

CG

“ *Cordell/Brenda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**Cordell/Brenda Gardner** - November 19, 2020 at 05:28 PM

TF

“ *The Fields Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**The Fields Family** - November 19, 2020 at 04:14 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**Earline Fields** - November 19, 2020 at 04:11 PM

CW

“ C Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.



C Walker - November 19, 2020 at 01:40 PM

DB

“ Deacon Scott Bliss lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.



Deacon Scott Bliss - November 19, 2020 at 01:26 PM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.



Kevin Dunigan - November 19, 2020 at 11:17 AM

BF

“ Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.



Betty Ford - November 19, 2020 at 10:13 AM

IM

“ *Isabell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Isabell Martin - November 18, 2020 at 10:18 PM

GW

“ *Georgia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



georgia williams - November 18, 2020 at 04:46 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Jack Dunigan - November 18, 2020 at 03:57 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Jack Dunigan - November 18, 2020 at 03:56 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Kevin Dunigan - November 18, 2020 at 02:47 PM

VA

“ *Victor & Margo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Victor & Margo Anderson - November 18, 2020 at 11:53 AM

RF

“ *Renaform Owens Jr & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Renaform Owens Jr & Family - November 18, 2020 at 11:31 AM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Jack Dunigan - November 18, 2020 at 11:15 AM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Jack Dunigan - November 18, 2020 at 11:13 AM

BP

“ *Barbara Phillips sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Barbara Phillips - November 18, 2020 at 09:58 AM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Selena Walker - November 18, 2020 at 09:24 AM

JD

“ *Joann Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Joann Dixon - November 18, 2020 at 08:18 AM

JH

“ *Jerry Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**Jerry Harris** - November 18, 2020 at 01:27 AM

Lula Ligon

“ *Lula Ligon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**Lula Ligon** - November 17, 2020 at 05:18 PM

AP

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one, our prayers are lifted to the Charleston Family that God may give you comfort and peace as you all go through this most difficult time, "TC" will be greatly missed by all who knew him and loved him, may he rest in God's love.*



*Annie & Marshall Pearson  
Mary Ligon-Goens*

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**Annie Pearson** - November 17, 2020 at 04:34 PM

YR

“ *Yvonne Heltzel Reese lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Yvonne Heltzel Reese - November 17, 2020 at 04:04 PM

MV

“ *Mignon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Mignon Vincent - November 17, 2020 at 03:13 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Phillips Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Cindy phillips smith - November 17, 2020 at 02:53 PM

EB

“ *Praying for Thomas Charleston's Family and sending my heartfelt condolences to you all with virtual hugs and lots of love. May our God give you peace that passes all understanding.*



Evelyn Babura - November 17, 2020 at 01:21 PM

DB

“ *Dallas Blocker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



**Dallas Blocker** - November 17, 2020 at 12:04 PM

LC

“ *Lucy Cruz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



**Lucy Cruz** - November 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM

LJ

“ *Lucy Cruz Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



**Lucy Cruz Jackson** - November 17, 2020 at 10:40 AM

BB

“ *To the Charleston family! I am truly heartbroken and sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to you all and may God comfort you during this time. I will miss seeing my friend at Gun Lake*

**Beverly Boyd** - November 17, 2020 at 08:40 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**Jo Ann Embrey** - November 17, 2020 at 08:09 AM

TM

“ *Tina Johnson Menser lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**Tina Johnson Menser** - November 17, 2020 at 08:07 AM

KG

“ *Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



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**Karen Gray** - November 17, 2020 at 08:02 AM

LC

“ *God said well done my faithful servant. Going to miss you Deacon Charleston. Coming by the church on Monday or Thursday to check up on Sis. Isabell and myself. You call out, Sis. Gal and Sis. Women to let us know you were in the building. Rest easy TooShort. Sis. Women!*

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**Lillie Cotton** - November 17, 2020 at 07:45 AM

RC

“ *My Father will be truly missed by so many mainly his family...  
We Love you Daddy*

Rachelle Charleston - November 16, 2020 at 11:11 PM

JW

“ *Jean White lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Jean White - November 16, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ *Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Mr. Thomas Charleston Sr.*



Ramona Seaberry Lumpkin - November 16, 2020 at 10:49 PM

HB

“ *My dear friends the Charleston Family.  
You have my deepest condolences.  
Keep your eyes unto the hills from whence your  
help comes, it comes from the Lord. He is your  
comfort and strength. Love you!!*



Helen (Mills) Brooks - November 16, 2020 at 08:02 PM