



## Deacon Thomas Joseph Palmer

July 15, 1925 - April 7, 2020

“Servant of God Well Done!”

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Thomas Joseph Palmer was born on July 15, 1925 in Yazoo City, Mississippi to Thomas and Flossie Palmer. He attended grade school in Yazoo City.

At an early age, he had strong work ethics passed down from his father. He worked in Saw Mills in Yazoo City and later in New Orleans, Louisiana.

With a yearning to serve, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After completing his military duties, he returned to Yazoo City; where he caught the attention of Dorothy Chambers. On February 27, 1974 they were united in Holy Matrimony. Only four days after the wedding the couple decided to relocate to Winter Garden, Florida. He was a hard worker and provided for his wife's wants and needs. He worked in the Citrus Industry for several years including Louis Dreyfus (Juice Plant) and Freeman Citrus Growers. Later, he was employed by Continental Can Company. He loved riding his bicycle and playing checkers.

Upon arriving in Winter Garden, he and his wife Dorothy joined the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist under the leadership of the late Reverend F. E. Wilder. His spiritual life was based on strong work ethics as well. He loved the Lord and by working in the Master's vineyard; he could lead others to Christ. Reading and understanding God's Word was a gift he shared. He was also a dedicated Usher. In 1984, he was ordained as a Deacon. His faithfulness and devotion continued. He served with the same spirit under Reverend C. Redding Taylor, as he did under Reverend Wilder. His passion was teaching Sunday School and Bible Study. Being a Deacon was not just a position or title for him. He was true to his calling. For four and a half decades (46 years), Deacon Palmer served untiringly with integrity, honesty, righteousness, compassion and humility. His motto was,

“Only What You Do for Christ Will Last.”

On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, with Dorothy by his bedside, God called Deacon Palmer from his earthly labor to eternal rest.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Thomas and Flossie Palmer; two sisters: Mary Stadner and Rose Lee Henderson and 1 brother: Fred Palmer.

He leaves precious memories with a loving and devoted wife, Dorothy of 46 years; four nieces: Shemone Collins and Savanda Ricardo, of Gulfport Mississippi; Debbie Smith and Cheryl Thompson, of Harvey, Illinois; one nephew: Bernard Price, of Harvey, Illinois; one sister-in-law: Emma Chambers Rials, of Gulfport, Mississippi; other relatives: devoted friend: Deacon Jacob Brunson, The Bethlehem Church Family and sorrowing friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Winter Garden Cemetery

13636 Lake Butler Blvd.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Thomas Joseph Palmer*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Wow, just found out and I'm at a loss. Mr Palmer was our next door neighbor growing up and the nicest man you will ever meet. I loved picking/climbing the mulberry tree in their backyard, bury it and drink that sweet wine. I also picked oranges along with him for my Uncle Slim Brown for PH Freeman and Sons and he was a hard worker and his wife Ms Dorothy who was very quiet and always smiled plus she would let my mom aware of our misbehaving. Thank you Ms Dorothy and Mr Palmer for being the best neighbors and people who not only worshiped the Lord but we're just genuine. Mr Palmer you will be missed and may you R.I.P.*

**Lorenzo Rawls** - April 20, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ *Kerry Holloman lit a candle in memory of Deacon Thomas Joseph Palmer*



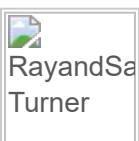
**Kerry Holloman** - April 17, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ *Tracy D Battle lit a candle in memory of Deacon Thomas Joseph Palmer*



**Tracy D Battle** - April 16, 2020 at 11:29 PM



“ *RayandSavarica Turner lit a candle in memory of Deacon Thomas Joseph Palmer*



**RayandSavarica Turner** - April 16, 2020 at 04:16 PM

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“ *Dondrea Stevens sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Thomas Joseph Palmer*



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**Dondrea Stevens** - April 14, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ *Lois Morss lit a candle in memory of Deacon Thomas Joseph Palmer*



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**Lois Morss** - April 14, 2020 at 08:41 AM