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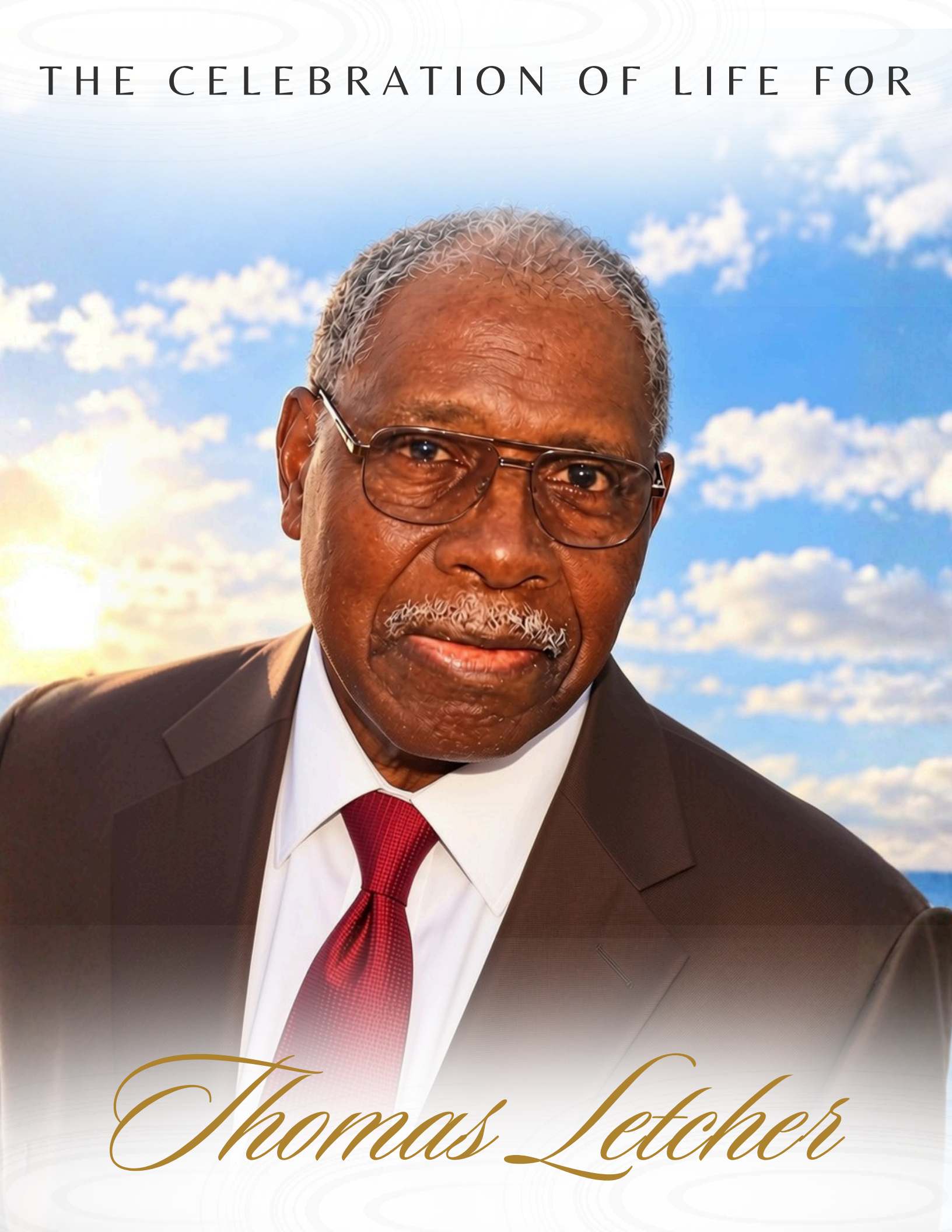


Thomas Letcher



THOMAS LETCHER

SUNRISE: JULY 20TH, 1936
SUNSET: OCTOBER 3RD, 2026
AGE: 90 YEARS OLD

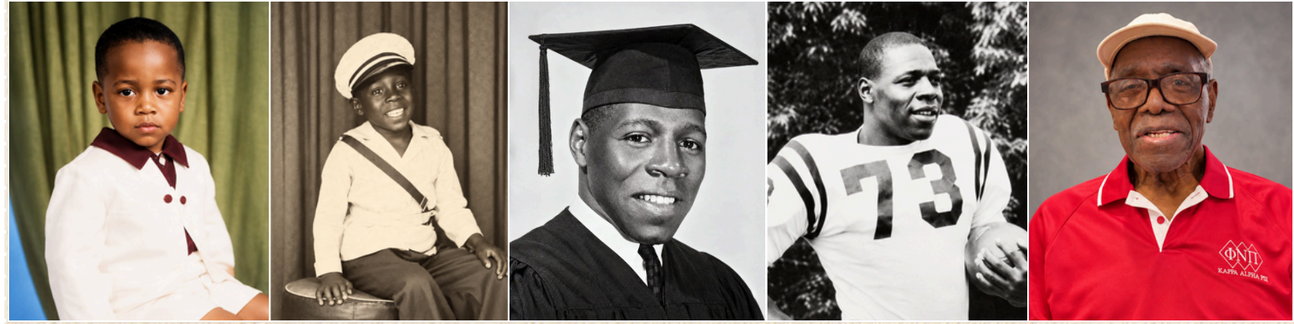
SERVICE AT:

GREAT FAITH CHURCH
1458 W 1ST STREET
SANFORD, FLORIDA 32771

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH,
2026 AT 11:30AM

BURIAL AT:

ALL FAITHS MEMORIAL PARK
1390 PARK DR,
CASSELBERRY, FL 32707



Thomas "Papa Tom" Letcher

JULY 20, 1936 – OCTOBER 3, 2026

An Extraordinary Life of Faith, Family, Love, and Legacy

Thomas Letcher was a remarkable man whose 90 years were filled with faith, purpose, achievement, and an unwavering love for his family. A devoted husband, loving Daddy, proud grandfather and great-grandfather, celebrated athlete, and respected educator, Thomas touched countless lives through his kindness, wisdom, and generous spirit.

On October 3, 2026, he peacefully completed his earthly journey and entered eternal rest with the Lord.

Born on July 20, 1936, Thomas spent his formative years in Chicago's historic Altgeld Gardens community, where he was raised by his beloved mother. He attended George Washington Carver High School, where his determination, leadership, and character began to shape the extraordinary man he would become.

After graduating from Carver, he moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, to attend Dillard University. There at Dillard, he spent four historic and unforgettable years, he distinguished himself as an exceptional three-sport athlete, earning recognition in football, basketball, and track and field, particularly in the javelin throw. His athletic talent, strength, and versatility left a lasting impression on the university's history.

In 2024, Thomas was selected to receive Dillard University's Hall of Fame Award for Football, Basketball, and Track and Field (Javelin), a distinguished recognition of his outstanding athletic achievements and enduring legacy. While attending Dillard, Thomas also became a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., in 1960, beginning a lifelong brotherhood rooted in achievement, service, and fellowship.

After graduating from Dillard University, Thomas returned to Chicago, where he dedicated his professional life to education, social services, and uplifting others. As an educator and social worker, he believed in encouraging young people, opening doors of opportunity, and making a meaningful difference in his community. His distinguished career eventually led him to Malcolm

X College, where he served as Dean of Student Services, earning the admiration and respect of students, colleagues, and faculty alike.

It was at Malcolm X College that Thomas met Beverly, a respected professor of nursing, who would become his beloved wife and lifelong companion. What began as a friendship blossomed into a beautiful love story built on faith, friendship, mutual respect, and devotion. Thomas and Beverly were united in marriage on April 29, 1999. Later that year, Thomas retired from Malcolm X College, leaving behind a legacy of service and countless lives enriched by his guidance and leadership.

While they were still living in Chicago, Thomas and Beverly found a church called Great Faith. Although the church is located in Florida, they were still able to attend the services online. In 2012, after visiting Florida to see their daughter, Kimberly, Thomas and Beverly attended her church called Great Faith church. They attended a New Year service at the beginning of 2015. It was there that Pastor Patrick Ligon spoke a prophetic word that they would be moving to Florida before of the end of 2015.

Thomas and Beverly later moved to Florida where they continue to attend their church and share their beautiful life together filled with love, laughter, family, and cherished memories.

Beyond his many professional and athletic accomplishments, Thomas considered his family his greatest blessing and proudest legacy. He was a man of quiet strength, deep faith, unwavering principles, and unconditional love. Whether offering words of wisdom, sharing a warm embrace, or bringing laughter into a room, he had a special way of making those around him feel valued and loved.

Thomas leaves to cherish his precious memory his beloved wife, Beverly Letcher; his three daughters, Monique A. Letcher Smith, Kimberly J. Jones, and his daughter of the heart, Dennise Hall; and his four sons, Tony Baker, Keith J. Liddell, and his sons of the heart, Dominic Hall and Kowalsky Mattress.

His beautiful legacy continues through his 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, along with extended family, fraternity brothers, lifelong friends, former colleagues, students, and the many individuals blessed to have known him.

Thomas will forever be remembered for his warm embraces, gentle humor, wisdom, compassion, and steadfast devotion to those he loved. His life was a testament to perseverance, faith, service,
and the belief that true greatness is measured not only by personal achievements, but by the lives we touch and the love we leave behind.

Although his earthly presence will be deeply missed, the lessons he taught, the memories he created, and the love he so freely shared will continue to inspire generations.

Rest peacefully in the arms of our Heavenly Father, Thomas. Your earthly work is complete, but your love, your influence, and your extraordinary legacy will live on forever.

Forever Loved. Forever Cherished. Forever Remembered.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

His Cherished Family and Lasting Legacy

Thomas leaves to cherish his precious memory his beloved wife, Beverly Letcher; his loving daughters, Monique A. Letcher Smith and Kimberly J. Jones; his daughter of the heart, Dennise Hall; his sons, Tony (Anthony) Baker and Keith J. Liddell; and his sons of the heart, Dominic Hall and Kowalsky Mattress.

His beautiful legacy continues through his 10 cherished grandchildren: Cencere, Dwayne, Michaela, Derrick, Tarik, Malik, Vondell, Kameron, Terance, and Khloe.

He was also blessed with four beloved great-grandchildren: Sevyn, DraRonn, Kaylynn, and Jahsai, each a precious reminder of the love and family legacy he so lovingly nurtured.

Thomas was preceded in death by his beloved grandson, Cerain, whose memory will forever remain in the hearts of his family.

He also leaves behind extended family, fraternity brothers, lifelong friends, former colleagues, students, and countless others whose lives were enriched by his wisdom, kindness, and love.

His greatest legacy was not simply the life he lived, but the love he gave and the generations who will carry that love forward.

Order of Service

Prelude
A time of reflection and quiet preparation before the service begins.

Opening Prayer — Felichia Ellison
A prayer inviting God's presence, comfort, and peace.

Welcome & Opening Remarks — Pastor Patrick Ligon
Words of welcome and remembrance as we gather to honor a cherished life.

Obituary Reading — Kimberly Jones
A tribute sharing the life, legacy, and cherished memories of our loved one.

Remarks — Malik Smith, Connor Hall, Kowalsky Mattress
Personal reflections and heartfelt memories celebrating a life well lived.

Video Tribute — A Life Well Lived
A visual remembrance of treasured moments and lasting memories.

Musical Selection — Great Faith Worship
A musical offering of faith, love, and comfort.

Eulogy — Pastor Patrick Ligon
A heartfelt reflection honoring a life, legacy, and enduring impact.

Prayer of Faith Over the Family
A prayer for strength, comfort, and peace for the grieving family.

Benediction
A final blessing of hope, peace, and comfort.

Recessional
The closing procession as we honor and remember our loved one.

Repass immediately following the service in the church lounge.

Graveside interment to follow the repass.

Love Letters

Love Letter to My Forever Husband

I'll never forget that wonderful day that began our God-graced relationship. I say "God-graced" because I know that He placed us together. For three years, we dated and learned about each other. Then, on April 29, 1999, we became one together.

For 27 years, we called ourselves "Team Letcher." We placed our pointer fingers next to our middle fingers to represent our love and togetherness. Nothing separates that bond.



I thank God for the wonderful life I had with my protective, loving man. He still means the world to me like no other.

My dream is to one day, whenever God declares, wake up and be in heaven with him. He is my forever Loving Husband.

From your loving, forever wife,
Bev

Forever Daddy's Little Girl
A Loving Tribute by His Daughter, Monique Letcher Smith

Daddy, how blessed I have been to spend 64 beautiful years being your little girl. No matter how old I became, you were always my Daddy, my first love, my protector, and a special place in my heart that no one else could ever fill.

Some of my greatest blessings in life were the simple moments with you. Your comforting presence, your love, your guidance, and just knowing you were always there. You had a way of making our family feel loved, safe, and cared for.



One of the things I will always treasure is the love you had for my husband. You didn't just welcome him into our family; you loved him as your own son. I will never forget how you would thank him for taking such good care of me and our family. That was your heart, Daddy. Always loving, always grateful, and always thinking of those you held dear.

For 64 years, I had the privilege of experiencing a father's love that never wavered. I will cherish every hug, every conversation, every laugh, and every memory we made together. If I could have just one more moment, I would wrap my arms around you and tell you how much you mean to me.

Daddy, although my heart aches knowing I can no longer see your smile or hear your voice, I find peace knowing you are resting in the loving arms of our Lord. Your love will continue to surround us, and your legacy will live on through our family.

You were my first love, you will always be my Daddy, and you will forever hold a piece of my heart. Until we meet again in heaven, I will always be your little girl.

With all my love,
Your Daughter, Monique Letcher Smith

A Loving Tribute to My Poppa Bear
By His Daughter, Kimberly Jones



On October 3, 2026, a piece of my heart went home to be with the Lord. While I celebrate the beautiful life and legacy of Thomas Letcher, I will forever miss being Pop's baby girl.

My Poppa was more than a father. He was my protector, my strength, my safe place, and one of God's greatest blessings in my life. His unconditional love never left me questioning how much I meant to him.

Pop was a man of faith, strength, honesty, and integrity. He was the foundation of our family, showing his love not just through words, but through his actions, sacrifices, and constant presence.

He was there to walk me down the aisle, there when I became a mother, and beside me through life's happiest and most difficult moments. He loved my children deeply and was always someone we could count on.

Even at 90, Pop gave the warmest, most reassuring hugs. I will forever cherish his deep voice, our private conversations, his wonderful sense of humor, and the way he made everything feel alright.

Pop, thank you for choosing to love me as your daughter, for never giving up on me, and for showing me what a father's love should be. Kameron David, Terance Daniel, Khloe Alyssa, and I will forever treasure the blessing of having you in our lives.

Rest peacefully, my sweet Poppa Bear. You loved us well, and you were loved beyond words. I will always be your baby girl. Until we meet again in heaven.

Forever your baby girl, with all my love,
Kimberly Jones

A Loving Tribute from Anthony Baker



90 years. What a remarkable journey and a beautiful life well lived.

Although I didn't have the privilege of knowing Thomas Letcher for very long, it didn't take long to recognize the extraordinary man he was. His love, strength, and presence left a lasting impression on his family, friends, and everyone fortunate enough to cross his path.

I am proud and honored to be part of his lineage and the legacy he leaves behind. His impact will continue to be felt for generations to come.

May you enjoy endless, peaceful swims in the waters of heaven. Until we meet again, Pops. Rest in love.

With love and respect,
Anthony Baker

The Legend Begins

















Treasured Memories













With Heartfelt Gratitude

The family of Thomas Letcher extends our deepest appreciation to our relatives, friends, Great Faith church family, clergy, caregivers, pallbearers, musicians, and everyone who contributed to this beautiful celebration of his life.

We are especially grateful to those who offered prayers, comforting words, flowers, meals, visits, and countless acts of kindness during this time.

To everyone who loved Thomas, cared for him, shared a memory, or stood beside our family, we sincerely thank you.

Your love and support will forever remain in our hearts.

With Love and Gratitude,

Beverly “Mama Bev” Letcher

Monique Letcher Smith

Kimberly Jones

Anthony Baker

and the rest of the Letcher Family