

Service of Remembrance

Saturday, December 20, 2025
1:00 p.m.



- Musical Prelude..... Musician
- Processional..... Clergy & Family
- Opening Hymn....."Blessed Quietness"
- Prayer of Comfort.....
- Scripture Readings**OLD TESTAMENT**
Psalm 23
NEW TESTAMENT
St. John 14:1-7
- Acknowledgment of Cards
- Tributes.....Family & Friends
(2 minutes, please)
- Words of Comfort/Sermon.....
- The Lord's Prayer
- Selection....."Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"
- Benediction
- Recessional.....Clergy & Family



OBITUARY

In Loving Memory of Rogers Melvin Thomas
June 29, 1946 – November 19, 2025



ROGERS MELVIN THOMAS, son of William Leroy Thomas,Sr. and Catherine Phillips Thomas, was born on June 29, 1946 in Philadelphia, PA.

Rogers was educated in the Philadelphia public school system. He graduated from Edward W. Bok Technical High School in 1964. He was employed at the Lehigh Food Center as a master butcher, at 29th & Lehigh Ave. while attending Fitz Simons Jr. High School and remained there until it closed.

Rogers received Jesus Christ as his Savior at the Garden of Prayer Apostolic Church under the leadership of Rev. Dabney. He was baptized in 1960 and attended Sunday school and Sunday service regularly. He was also a member of the Jr. Usher Board.

Rogers was a founding member of the all-male social club Gamma Alpha Beta, Chapter I, established on August 14, 1964. He, along with Mikel Dodson, Leonard "Mickey" Heard, and others, helped create the organization.

Rogers met Deloris Samuels when they both lived on 30th Street. They married, and to this union three beautiful children were born. Ronald Milton, Rogers Melvin, Jr. (deceased) and Andrea Catherine Moore.

Rogers departed this life on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia after a brief illness.

Rogers is resting in glory with our Heavenly Father, but he will never be forgotten by his children; his granddaughters, Kayla and Victoria; his grandsons, Bryant Jr., Andre, Quinton, and Aubrayo; and his great-grandsons, Amari and TJ. He is also lovingly remembered by his son-in-law, Bryant Sr.; his daughter-in-law, Sheila; his granddaughter-in-law, LeeSha; his sister, Sarah Louise Thomas; his brothers, Grafton Arness Thomas and Eric Bigelow; his cousins, Erastus Johnson and Elias Johnson; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and a host of friends.



BLESSED QUIETNESS

JOYS ARE FLOWING LIKE A RIVER
SINCE THE COMFORTER HAS COME
HE ABIDES WITH US FOREVER
MAKES THE TRUSTING HEART HIS HOME

**BLESSED QUIETNESS, HOLY QUIETNESS
WHAT ASSURANCE IN MY SOUL!
ON THE STORMY SEA, HE SPEAKS PEACE TO ME,
HOW THE BILLOWS CEASE TO ROLL!**

WHAT A WONDERFUL SALVATION
WHERE WE ALWAYS SEE HIS FACE!
WHAT A PERFECT HABITATION,
WHAT A QUIET RESTING PLACE!

HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

TIME IS FILLED WITH SWIFT TRANSITION,
NAUGHT OF EARTH UNMOVED CAN STAND,
BUILD YOUR HOPE ON THINGS ETERNAL,
HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND.

**HOLD TO HIS HAND,
GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND
HOLD TO HIS HAND
GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND
BUILD YOUR HOPES ON THINGS ETERNAL;
HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND.**

WHEN YOUR JOURNEY IS COMPLETED,
IF TO GOD YOU HAVE BEEN TRUE,
FAIR AND BRIGHT THE HOME IN GLORY
YOUR ENRAPTURED SOUL WILL VIEW.

