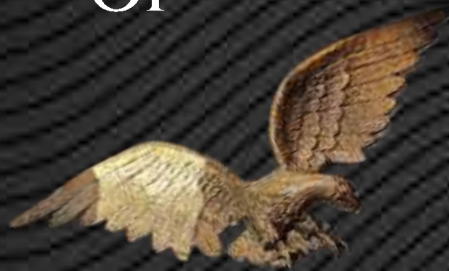


A
CELEBRATION
OF THE LIFE
OF



Charles
A. THOMPKINS, SR.

"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT."

ENTRANCE DEPARTURE
DECEMBER 24, 1963 | SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

VISITATION: 9:00 AM
SERVICE: 10:00 AM

TRIEDSTONE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
858 EAST THIRD AVENUE
COLUMBUS, OH 43201
OVERSEER DALE D. TUCKER, SR. | SENIOR PASTOR
BISHOP JEROME H. ROSS, SR. | PASTOR EMERITUS

Obituary

Charles A. Thompkins, age 62. Sunrise December 24, 1963 and Sunset September 18, 2026.

God sent baby Charles to the world on December 24, 1963. Although he started in Cambridge Ohio, he soon became a Milo-Grogan resident.

As many from the Milo-Grogan Community, he attended the Milo School now known as “Milo Arts”, Everett Middle School and on to finish from Centennial High School. While attending the Milo School, young Charles entered an arts contest. His drawing of a Mustang won the contest, creating the community mascot the “Milo Mustangs” that is still used today.

At the age of 13, he was highlighted in the Columbus Dispatch as a young leader for his ability to connect with those younger than himself and the positive influence he made on others. It didn't take him long to find his niche and begin walking in his purpose.

If Charles was not creating and organizing events to help others himself, he was working alongside someone who was creating and organizing. He is well known for events like the Milo-Fest, the Milo-Grogan Adopt-A-Family at Christmas toy event and lovingly referred to today as “Mayor of Milo”. Over the years, Charles has worked with countless businesses and groups, sat on multiple Advisory Boards and advocated for the Milo-Grogan Community like no one else. He had a strong passion to help others, the ability to connect with everyone and a momentum that was unmatched.

Charles has received multiple awards and resolutions throughout his journey. He currently serves as Chair for both the Milo-Grogan Area Commission and the Milo-Grogan Foundation, a nonprofit he created with his wife to continue the legacy in Milo-Grogan.

In 2025, an apartment community within his neighborhood was renamed “Thompkins Village” in his honor and he received the “Key to the City” of Columbus, Ohio from Mayor Andrew Ginther.

Throughout his 50 years of volunteer service to others, he has touched countless lives, received numerous awards and created legacies around the City of Columbus and beyond. He was a man on a mission with a focus to do the work God laid before him.

On September 18th, he fulfilled his purpose and God called him back home to rest. We thank Charles for his sacrifices and humble submission to God for God showed all of us His love through the work of Charles.

Charles is preceded in death by his beloved parents; Daniel Pannell and Lena Thompkins-Pannell and his brother Darrell Thompkins.

Loving memories will be cherished by his wife of 23 years: Melissa Thompkins; his children: Amber, Timothy and Charles Jr.; his grandsons: Isaiah and Orlando; his aunt, Connie Tate; his sister, Carmel (Gary) Griffin Sr., his sister-in-laws, Emma, Eva, Hilda and Clarissa; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins, extended family and life-long friends.



Order of Service

Officiant
Pastor Javier Bridges
The Bridge of Life Ministries

Musical Prelude.....Musicians

Parting View.....Immediate Family

Scripture Reading.....Pastor Daisy Milner

Old Testament: Psalm 23 – Jeremiah 29:11

New Testament: John 14: 1-6

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Jerome H. Ross, Sr.

Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church – Pastor Emeritus

Musical Selection.....Rayven Butler

Acknowledgements/Condolences/Resolutions.....Tina Thomson

Expressions.....Family and Friends

Two Minutes Please

Reading of the Obituary.....Read Silently

“I Give Myself Away”

By: William McDowell

Selection.....Rayven Butler

The Eulogy
Overseer Dale D. Tucker, Sr.
Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church
Senior Pastor

Benediction.....Pastor Javier Bridges

Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends





Borrowed

God gave me a loved one, then took him away
I begged and I prayed but he couldn't stay

God came down and took him to spare him from harm
To wrap him forever in His loving arms

I asked God why did you let me love him so
When you knew he would leave and how he would go

God spoke to my heart saying soon you will see
He was never yours, he belonged to me

I set up his purpose, I gave him life
I set up his path, allowing some strife

I gave him to you, to love him so
I knew he would need that love to grow

You took good care of him, I knew that you would

When the time came, it was simply my will
To bring him back home, his purpose fulfilled

- Until we meet again my love -

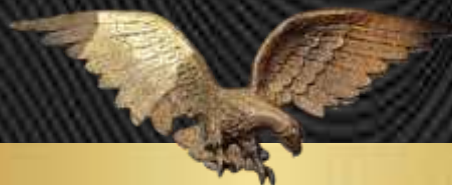
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Until We Meet Again

We think about you always,
We talk about you still,
You have never been forgotten,
and you never will.

We hold you close within our hearts,
and there you will remain,
to walk and guide us through our lives,
until we meet again.



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"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS AND GONE FROM SIGHT, BUT NEVER FROM THE HEART"



CHARLES A. THOMPKINS, SR.
 "A PERSON WHO WAS DEDICATED
 TO HIS COMMUNITY"

MILO-GROGAN

MILO-GROGAN

His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant:
thou hast been faithful over a few things,
I will make thee ruler over many things:
enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
Matthew 25:21

Interment

Evergreen Burial Park
1401 Woodland Avenue | Columbus, OH 43219

Pallbearers

Dwayne Thompkins - Roland Tate – Robert Tate
Gary Griffin, Sr. - Shonn Sutton Tucker - Kevin Cooper Jr.
Eric Bryant - Keith Brown – Karl Thomson

Acknowledgements

The family of Mr. Charles A. Thompkins Sr. would like to thank everyone
for your prayers, visits, calls, texts and many acts of kindness
shown during this time of bereavement and the entirety of our journey.
Thank You



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