

SERVICE OF TRIUMPH

*Interment*

Glen Rest Memorial Estates  
8029 W. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

*Pallbearers*

New Birth Christian Ministries

*The Broken Chain*

I little knew that morning, God was going to call your name,  
In life I loved you dearly, in death I do the same,  
It broke my heart to lose you, you did not go alone  
For part of me went with you, the day God called you home.  
You left me beautiful memories, your love is still my guide,  
And though we cannot see you, You're always at my side.  
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

*Acknowledgment of Thanks*

The Family would like to express their sincere gratitude for all acts of love and kindness displayed during this difficult time. Special Thanks to VA Medical Center, Mt. Carmel Hospital, McNaughten Pointe Care Center, Pastor Yaves Ellis, Bishop Kenneth E. Moore Sr., Elder Wingrove Alleyne, Andrea Gary, Trina Sills, Kim Holland and the members of New Birth Christian Ministries.



*Thomas L.  
Downs*

FEBRUARY 23, 1947 - DECEMBER 9, 2024



MARLAN GARY

FUNERAL HOME

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2500 CLEVELAND AVE.  
COLUMBUS, OH 43211

EAST CHAPEL  
5456 LIVINGSTON AVE.  
COLUMBUS, OH 43232

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MANSFIELD, OH 44903

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024  
VIEWING 10:00AM  
FUNERAL SERVICE 11:00AM

NEW BIRTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES  
3475 REFUGEE RD | COLUMBUS, OHIO

# Obituary

Thomas Lee Downs was born on February 23, 1947, to Jozzie Bell Stone in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Columbus Public Schools and later served in the U.S. Army with his childhood friend Herman Walker.

In 1973 he met the love of his life Mattie Holeman, and they were united in Holy Matrimony on May 18, 1974. Thomas worked for Buckeye Steel Company and Lennox Industries and later started his concrete business, Downs Masonry.

Thomas dedicated his life to Christ and became a faithful member of the Traveler's Rest Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and member of the Male Chorus and Mass Choir despite health challenges. Later, Thomas joined New Birth Christian Ministries, under Bishop Kenneth E. Moore Sr.

Thomas enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting, bowling, fellowshiping with family and friends, and of course good food. With a quiet and peaceful spirit, Thomas was always willing to share his testimony of how his Lord and Savior brought him out of darkness and into His marvelous light. Thomas inspired and encouraged many and was well thought of by those who knew him.

Thomas peacefully departed this life on December 9, 2024, with his loving wife of 50 years by his side. He is preceded in death by his mother (Jozzie Stone) and survived by his wife Mattie, Ella Collins (Sister), beloved nieces Anita Panell and Bernetta Holmes and nephew Gary Collins. Children: Clarissa Collins (Anthony), Dawn Walker (Paul), and Lemuel Holeman (Celeste). As well as Eight Grandchildren, Seven Great-Grandchildren a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



# Order Of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE  
New Birth Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW

SCRIPTURE READING  
Min. Jimmy Logan  
Old Testament ~ Psalms 23  
New Testament ~ Revelation 21 1-6



PRAYER  
Clergy

SELECTION  
"I Won't Complain"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONDOLENCES

REMARKS  
Family and/or Friends  
(two minutes each please)

READING OF OBITUARY

SELECTION  
"My Soul Has Been Anchored in The Lord"

THE EULOGY  
Bishop Kenneth E. Moore Sr.

BENEDICTION  
Clergy

SELECTION  
"Safe From Harm"

RECESSIONAL  
Clergy, Family, Friends

