

*Thy Good
and Faithful*

SERVANT.

POPS, THANK YOU BY THOMAS J. WISE JR.

The words you spoke on my wedding day, Still echo, and never faded away.
A moment carved in my heart and mind,, A father's love—so dear, so kind.

You saw the nerves behind my smile, And calmed me with your steady style.
“No need to fear,” you said so true, “Son, all will go just right for you.”

You called me strong, a worthy man, With a steady voice and guiding hand.
“You'll be a husband, brave and wise,” I saw the pride behind your eyes.

Then came the walk—so calm, so grand, My bride beside you, hand in hand.
A sacred gift, you led her near, And sealed the bond that brought us here.

So Pops, I thank you, heart and soul, For love that made my spirit whole.
That day, your words lit up my way— And guide me still, day after day.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family of the beloved and late Thomas D. Wise Sr. expresses their sincere thanks to the many wonderful friends and family who have been thoughtful, supportive and caring during our time of bereavement. We pray the Lord continues to bless each and every one of you for being a blessing to our family.



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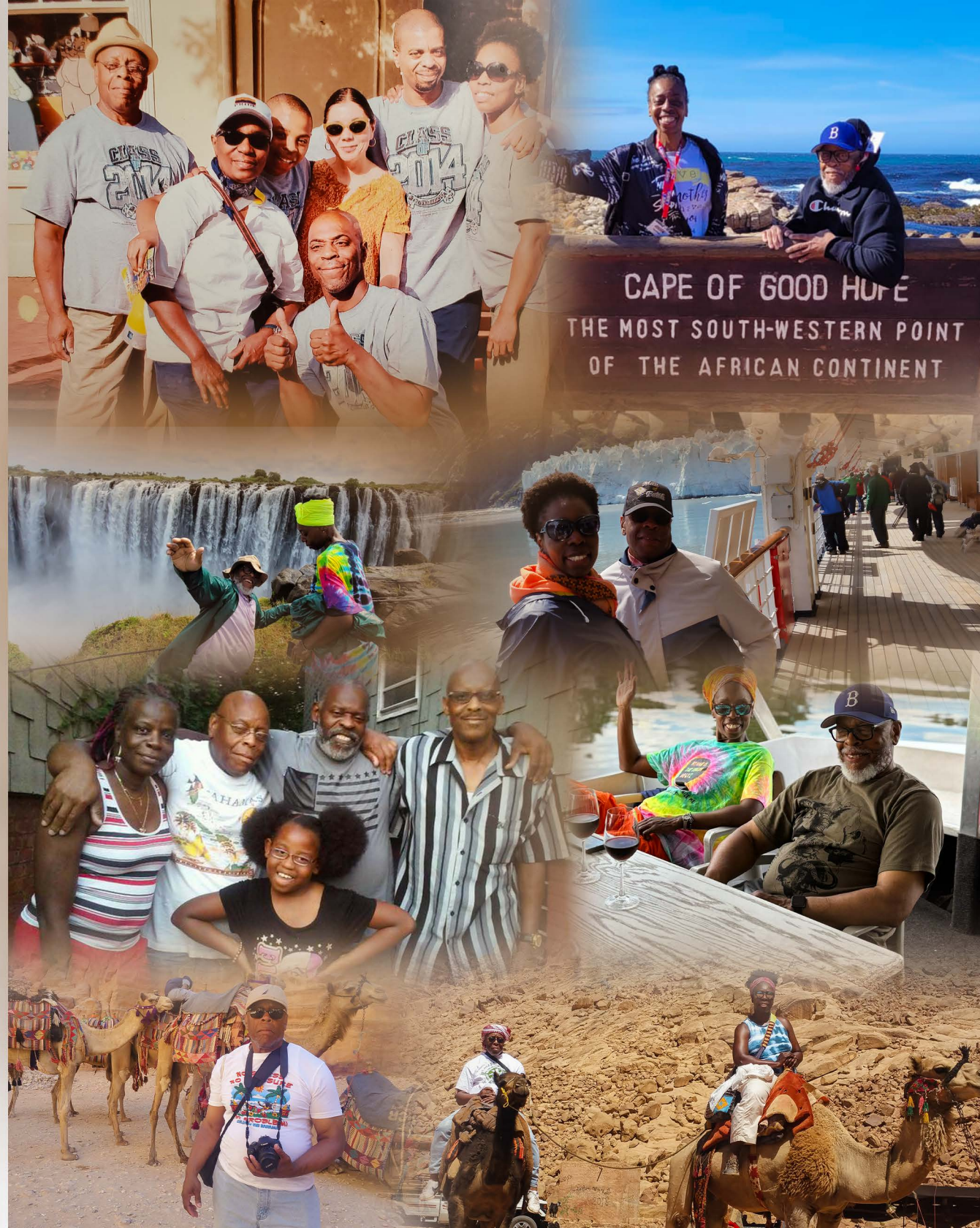


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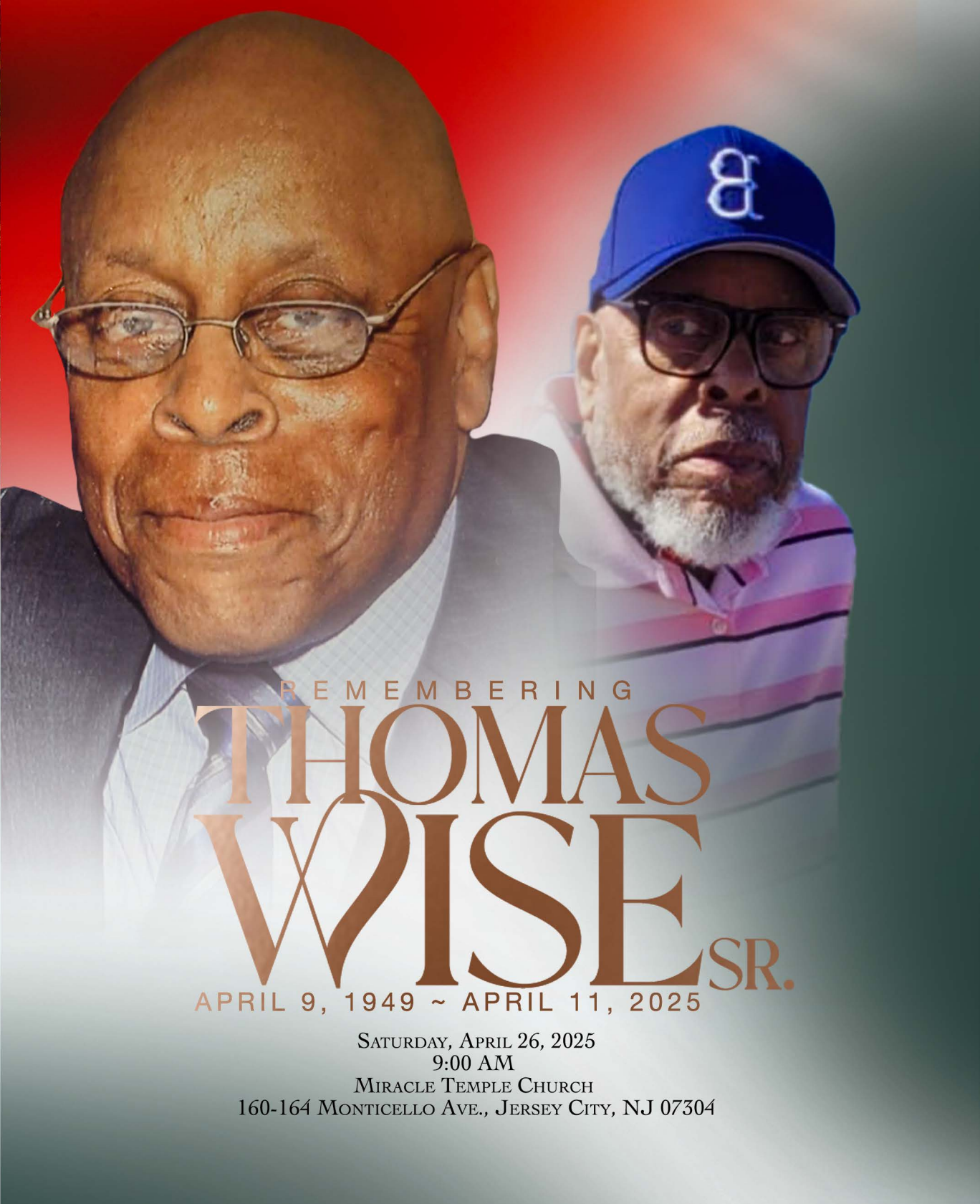
ARRIVAL

APRIL 9, 1949

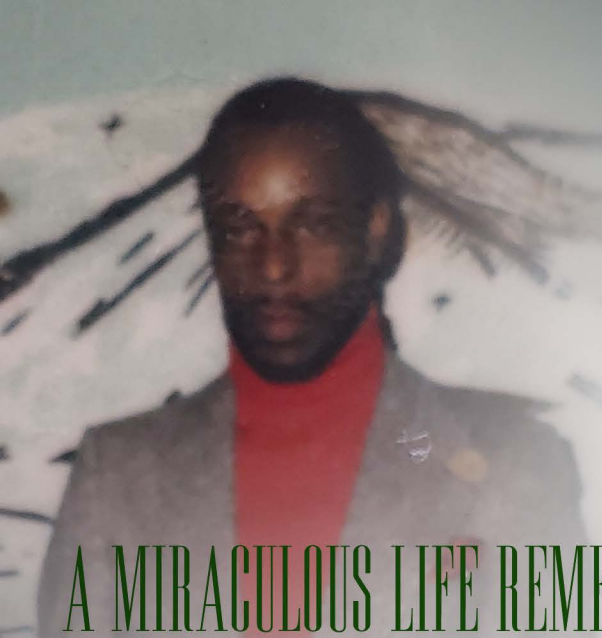


DEPARTURE

APRIL 11, 2025



SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025
9:00 AM
MIRACLE TEMPLE CHURCH
160-164 MONTICELLO AVE., JERSEY CITY, NJ 07304



THOMAS WISE SR.

APRIL 9, 1949 ~ APRIL 11, 2025

A MIRACULOUS LIFE REMEMBERED & CELEBRATED

Thomas D. Wise Sr., affectionately known as “Prez” for his timeless style and dignified presence, departed this life on Friday, April 11, 2025, just two days after celebrating his 76th birthday. A man whose footsteps touched every soul he encountered. Thomas leaves behind a legacy woven with love, humility, resilience, and grace.

Born in Jersey City on a spring Saturday in 1949 to his beloved mother Beatrice Wise, Thomas was the eldest of six children. From the very beginning, he carried the gentle strength of a leader and the warmth of a server. Raised in a household rooted in strength and discipline, alongside his siblings under the guidance of Beatrice and his stepfather Isaac Alexander, Thomas was instilled with the values of hard work and responsibility. From shining shoes to helping wax floors and cleaning carpets with Isaac, he built the foundation of the work ethic that would define his life.

Educated in Jersey City Public Schools #2, #22, #29, and #30, Thomas later honed his skills at an electrical trade school, setting the stage for a lifetime of committed labor and community service. On August 9, 1969, he married the love of his life, Daisy Wade Wise. Their love blossomed into a beautiful family, blessing them with three cherished children: Odessa, Troy, and Thomas Jr.

Thomas’ career path was as dynamic as his character. He took on a forklift operator position at Owens Illinois in North Bergen, where he faithfully worked for nearly a decade. Later, he added sparkle to downtown Jersey City, working alongside his brothers-in-law at Sal’s Car Wash—a place where laughter flowed like water and teamwork echoed the rhythm of Rose Royce’s “Car Wash.” In 1996, he found his true calling in public service with the Jersey City Department of Public Works in Parks Maintenance. For 29 years, Thomas cared for the green spaces of his city with the same love and devotion he gave God—retiring with a career marked by pride and purpose.

Life gave Thomas a second chance at love when he married Annie Bell Wise on June 30, 2005, expanding his heart and family to include Patricia and Kenneth Prentiss. Though Annie's passing in 2007 was a sorrowful chapter, it was one that deepened Thomas' walk with God. He became a faithful member of Miracle Temple in 2005. After surviving prostate cancer in 2008, his faith only intensified, and he dedicated the rest of his life to spiritual growth and gratitude. He understood that while perfection belongs to God, holiness is a journey we walk each day—with humility, grace, and conviction.

Thomas was a traveler of both the world and the spirit. His passport told stories of adventure—visiting South Africa, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Senegal, Israel, the Caribbean and beyond. But it was his soul's journey that most defined him: one of seeking peace, spreading kindness, and loving God and neighbor alike.

He now joins in eternal peace those who went before him—his parents Beatrice Wise and Authur Harrlington, his stepfather Isaac Alexander, his beloved wife Annie, his brothers Fred Wise Jr. and Isaac Alexander Jr., and his sister-in-law Sharifah Saboor.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted children: Odessa L. Wise, Troy D. Wise, and Thomas J. Wise Jr. (wife Maria), along with Patricia and Kenneth Prentiss. His legacy continues in his grandson Thomas J. Wise III; his sister Gloria Alexander; his brothers Rufus Alexander and Robert Alexander (wife Marie); and a host of adoring nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will carry forward the light of his love.

Thomas D. Wise Sr. was a man who loved deeply, worked diligently, and walked faithfully. He wore not only fine clothes but a heart clothed in compassion and strength. His was a life well-lived, a journey well-traveled, and a spirit that will forever inspire.

He was our “Prez.” And now, he is Heaven’s beloved.

Rest well, Thomas. You have earned your crown. Well done, my good and faithful servant!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	Musicians
Expeditior	Elder Rahman Telfair
Invocational Prayer	Elder Bruce Green
Scripture Readings:	
Old Testament	Brother Mark. A. Wade
New Testament	Deaconess Genevieve Wade Chapman
Prayer of Comfort	
Selection	Evangelist Solonia Wade Baskins
Selection	Miracle Temple Choir
Acknowledgements, Cards and Reading of Obituary	Troy D. Wise “I Am Free”
	Minister/Lady Denise McCollum
Remarks	
Solo	Family and Friends
Eulogy	Sis Omega Dickerson “ Few Chosen”
	Sr. Pastor Mark Anthony McCollum
	Miracle Temple Church
Crowning	
	Evangelist Odessa L. Wise
Recessional	

REPASS WILL BE HELD IN CHURCH HALL