

# Acknowledgements

The family of Thomas Matthew Howard, Sr., extends a special thanks to all of those who went beyond the call of duty during his passing. Without your constant care and concern, our load would have been more difficult. We thank you for your cards, time, food, phone calls, visits, prayers, and most of all your presence here today. May God bless each of you.



Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

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# Celebrating The Life Of



**Thomas Matthew Howard, Sr.**

November 30, 1968 - October 22, 2024



Saturday, November 16, 2024 | Wake: 12 p.m. | Service: 1 p.m.

**Slone & Co. Life Celebration Center**

3556 W. 130th St. Cleveland, OH 44111



# You Never Said Goodbye

You never said I'm leaving,  
 you never said goodbye.  
 You were gone before I knew it  
 and only God knew why.  
 A million times I needed you,  
 a million times I cried.  
 If love alone could have saved you,  
 you never would have died.  
 In life I loved you dearly,  
 in death I love you still.  
 In my heart you hold a place  
 that no one could ever fill.  
 It broke my heart to lose you,  
 but you did not go alone,  
 for part of me went with you,  
 the day God took you home.



I have fought the good *fight*,  
 I have finished the *race*,  
 I have kept the *faith*.

2 Timothy 4:7



# Order of Service

Led by Pastor Kito D. March, Sr.



Processional

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Obituary Reading

Remarks of Reflections  
(2 Minutes, Please)

Eulogy

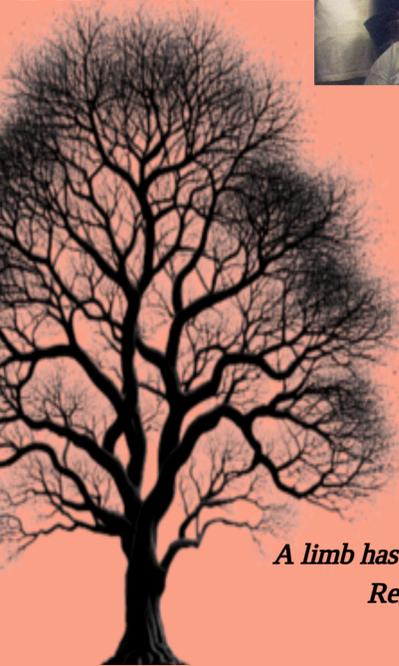
Recessional

*Repass*

Saturday, November 16, 2024 | Immediately Following Services

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*A limb has fallen from the family tree that says grieve not for me.  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song,  
the good life I lived while I was strong.*

*In Loving Memory*  
**Thomas Matthew Howard, Sr.**



**Sunrise**

November 30, 1968



**Sunset**

October 22, 2024

**My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

Psalm 73:26

**Thomas Matthew Howard, Sr., lovingly known as Tom, was born on November 30, 1968, to Cornelius and Dorothy Howard in Cleveland, Ohio. The youngest of 19 children, Tom held a special place in the hearts of his large and loving family.**

**A graduate of John Marshall High School, Tom was a cherished son, father, brother, and uncle, and he touched the lives of everyone who knew him. He had an enduring passion for cars and took immense joy in helping others whenever he could. He was happiest when surrounded by his family and friends, and he spent countless hours enjoying sports, cooking, and following his favorite soap operas.**

**Tom's deep commitment to family was evident throughout his life. He dedicated himself wholeheartedly to caring for his beloved parents, siblings, and even his best friend, Roosevelt. Tom was more than an uncle to his nieces and nephews; he was like a big brother, a role model, and a source of unwavering support. His warmth, kindness, and generosity left an indelible mark on all who knew him.**

**Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Cornelius and Dorothy; his brothers, Connie, Christopher, Ricardo, Sandy, and Cornelius Jr.; and his sisters, Cornelia, Brenda, Joyce, and Johnny Mae.**

**He leaves behind his children, daughters Cierra Howard, Brena Howard, and Thomacina; sons Thomas Howard Jr., Terrell Howard, and Matthew; granddaughters Kennedy Howard and Lavender Thomas; brothers Mike, Gregg, Mark, Tim, and Steve; and sisters LaRuth, Mable, Dorothy, Renee, and Delores. Tom will be dearly missed by a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who will forever treasure the love and laughter he brought into their lives.**



**But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added to you.**

Matthew 6:33

