

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR OUR BELOVED
DEACON RICHARD THOMPSON



DR. W. FRANKLYN RICHARDSON, SENIOR PASTOR
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH | 52 SOUTH SIXTH AVENUE | MOUNT VERNON, NY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.

OBITUARY

Richard Thompson was born on July 10, 1942, in Allendale, SC, to the late Corrine Miller Thompson and Peter Julius Thompson. He was raised in a Christian home with his siblings Wilson, Mary, William, and John. Deacon Richard Thompson quietly transitioned from this life into eternity on October 9, 2025, at Midlands Health and Rehabilitation Center, Columbia, SC.

Richard was a 1961 graduate of C.V. Bing High School and attended Claflin College in Orangeburg, SC. He first met Dorothy in SC. They met up again in New York. They were married on December 15, 1962, and have been inseparable for over 62 years, marked by love, friendship, and devotion. To this union, two daughters were born: Sherri and Carmen. Richard was a loving and devoted husband and father who often worked two jobs to support his family.

Richard was a Patrolman for the NYC Police Department – 44th Precinct and was a Delegate. Patrolman Thompson was honored by the staff, students, faculty, and administration of Joseph H. Wade Community High School in 1972 for his friendship, help, and devotion to duty, which made their school a better place. He retired after 20 years. For 25 years, Richard was the CEO of R&R Security, Inc. in Westchester County and the Bronx, NY. He was the Chairman of Building 12, 9th Floor, Co-op City, Bronx, NY.

Richard joined Grace Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, where “he decided” that he would become a “pew member”. The rest is history... Richard attended Church School and sang in the Male Chorus. He became a mentor to men, with many whom he touched, becoming leaders in the church. He was the president of the Men’s Usher Ministry, the Men’s Ministry, and the Security Ministry, the Spiritual Advisor to the Trustee Ministry, and Chairman of the Deacons Ministry. He was ordained to the Diaconate on January 18, 1993. During the Men’s Convocation, Richard was awarded a plaque that read: In recognition and appreciation for your outstanding dedication and commitment to the Grace Baptist Church Men’s Ministry, we honor you. He loved evangelizing and bringing souls to Christ.

Richard loved to travel; he and Dorothy traveled the world with Pastor and First Lady Richardson. He loved reading, playing cards, dancing, and taking his wife, Dorothy, on date nights.

Deacon Thompson was predeceased by his parents, Corrine and Peter Thompson, and one brother, Wilson Thompson. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Dorothy Thompson, Allendale, SC; two daughters, Sherri D. Owens, Columbia, SC, and Carmen Thompson Brown (Edward), Chesapeake, VA; one sister, Mary E. Bryant, Chesapeake, VA; two brothers, William Thompson (Mary E), Washington, DC, John Thompson (Denise), Upper Marlboro, MD; two grandchildren, Ashley Owens, New Rochelle, NY, Eddie Brown, Bronx, NY; and one great grandchild, Jahlil Brown, and a host of nieces, nephews, and his Grace Baptist Church family.



*Let your light so shine
before men, that they
may see your good works
and glorify your Father
in heaven.*

- Matthew 5:16



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Derrick L. James

Minister of Music

PROCESSIONAL

Pastor Richardson and Family

OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Psalm 46

New Testament: Romans 8:28-39

HYMN

"Sweet Hour Prayer"

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION

SACRED MUSIC

Deacon Juana Johnson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Deacon Joyce Kelly

Church Clerk

REFLECTIONS

Tribute: 44th Precinct Police Department | Bronx, NY

Tribute: Brother | John H. Thompson

OBITUARY

Deacon Joyce Kelly

SACRED MUSIC

Minister Derrick L. James

HYMN OF COMFORT

"Amazing Grace"

EULOGY

Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson

Senior Pastor, Grace Baptist Church

Mount Vernon, NY

RECESSIONAL

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"



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Expressions of Love from the Family

Thanks, Daddy, for all the super great memories and fun times, and providing us with the proper tools to be successful in life. You were and are the greatest father ever. Love you always and forever, Daddy. - *Sherri & Carmen (Daughters)*

Words can't describe my thanks for you being the greatest father-in-law, mentor, friend, and confident. I will truly miss you forever! Love you, Big Rich! - *Big Eddie (Son-In-Law)*

It's hard to find the right words to say goodbye to someone who has meant so much to me. You were never just my grandfather – you were my teacher, my protector, my example, and one of the greatest men I've ever known.
- *Eddie Brown, Jr. (Grandson)*

I love you, Grandpa. You meant the world to me and I miss you so much. I hope you have a good rest in heaven. - *Jahlil Brown (Great Grandson)*

Acknowledgements

The Thompson Family would like to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation towards the outpouring of love and prayers during our time of bereavement. God bless you all.

To My Dearest Papa,

Papa... this is hard — because it's you. You weren't just my grandfather — you were my rock, my calm, my man of God.

You lived your faith out loud — in prayer, in service, in every soul you touched. You helped within the church, lifted your community, and showed grace simply by the way you lived.

Your devotion never wavered. You taught me that love isn't something you say — it's something you show.

We had a bond like no other, one that time and distance can't break. I'll never forget the memories we built — you teaching me to read with *The New York Times*, teaching me how to drive, sharing butter pecan ice cream, our meetups in the sunroom — your mancave, where laughter,

lessons, and love were part of the air we breathed.

You were always willing to help, steady in your faith, generous with your heart. Through you, I learned compassion, gratitude, and what it means to live with purpose and love.

Last night, I heard your voice — soft, certain, familiar: "Ashley, take care of Grandma." I will, Papa. I promise.

I'll carry your prayers with me, your faith in my footsteps, your love in every breath. Though you've joined the ancestors, your spirit still walks beside me — guiding, protecting, and reminding me that I am never alone.

Thank you, Papa, for being my light, my teacher, and my heart. Until we meet again, I'll keep walking in the glow of your faith and the legacy you left behind.

- *Ashley Owens (Granddaughter)*

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