



## Deacon Oliver Wendell Thompson

March 9, 1941 - January 30, 2026

### A TIME TO BE BORN

Oliver Wendell Thompson was born in Gloster MS on March 9, 1941 to the late Ollie Bell Roberts and TJ Thompson.

### A TIME TO DIE

Oliver departed this earthly realm for his heavenly home on January 30", 2026 at Willow Creek Nursing & Rehab.

### A TIME TO LEARN

Oliver was educated in the Amite County School System where he was an exemplary student and played clarinet in the band. Oliver furthered his education at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, MS

### A TIME TO LOVE

Oliver married the love of his life Rutha Mae Walker July 26, 1966. He naturally became father to Jessie and Oscar Stewart. To this union three children were born Patricia Ann, Boyd Donnell, and Vanessa Demetrius. Vanessa preceded Oliver in death.

### A TIME TO LIVE

Oliver was a long-time resident of Pearl MS starting July 1966. He was lovingly known to his family as a "professional talker". Oliver worked as a night

watchman at Standard Oil Company, Jackson MS for many years. His dream job from his youth was to be a truck driver. His love of driving trucks stemmed from working for a cattle buyer in his youth. He would sit on a pillow and drive trucks for Mr. Pete White who he often talked about. Oliver drove for Mississippi Materials Company (now MMC) for twenty-seven years, where he won top driver at their truck rodeo one year and that gave him bragging rights and oh did, he brag. After he retired, he drove school buses for Pearl Public Schools. Oliver was a father that provided for his "four crumb snatchers" as he referred to his children.

Oliver accepted Christ into his life at an early age at New Hope M.B. Church, Gloster MS. Upon moving to Pearl, he, along with his family, joined Mt Holum M.B. Church, Pearl MS under the leadership of Pastor L. R. Travis. He assumed many duties at Mt Holum throughout the years including Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Janitor, Choir member, and Male Chorus member. Oliver's most treasured position was being a Deacon of the church which gave him yet another opportunity not just to talk but to tell others about the God he served.

Oliver has always tried to be a mentor to young men in the neighborhood. He was a lover of football and often talked about how his grandmother Alice would not let him play. So, he lived vicariously through his sons and other young men in the neighborhood. He would load the station wagon or the truck and take them to pee-wee football practice and games. He loved to share a pack or two of pecan twirls with everyone afterwards.

#### A TIME TO MOURN

Oliver leaves to cherish his memories, His loving, and dedicated wife of fifty-nine and a half years Rutha Mae, three sons Jessie Lee (Cynthia) of Byram, MS, Oscar (Janie) of Pearl, MS, Boyd Donell (Kitty) of Byram, one daughter Patricia Ann (Johnny) of Pearl MS, four brothers Gerald Weatherspoon of

Glenn Dale Maryland, Eric Roberts of Jackson, MS, Gerald Thompson and Bernard Thompson of Inglewood, CA, one sister-in-love Annie Jean Robinson of Gloster MS, one brother-in-love Richard Walker of Baton Rouge LA, special friend and former co-worker Mr. George Erving and special cousin Mr. Terry Brown of Ponchatoula LA. Mother Ollie Bell Roberts, Father TJ Thompson, Brother Reginald Roberts and Sister Vera Collins preceded Oliver in death. Seventeen Grands, Thirty Five Great-Grands, a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Jones Memorial Cemetery

Old Whitfield Road  
Pearl, MS 39208

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Homegoing Service

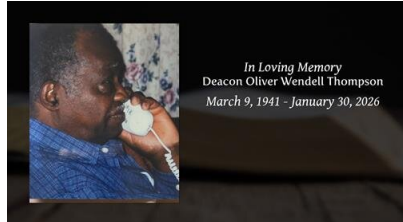
FEB 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Holum MB Church  
643 Sweetgum Street  
Pearl, MS 39208

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deacon Oliver Wendell Thompson*



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**Dean Memorial Funeral Home** - February 05 at 05:16 PM



“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to the family and friends, and wishing you comfort and strength in the days to come.*



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**Friends- George Mason University** - February 10 at 10:12 AM



“ *Sending my thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Deacon Thompson. So sorry for your loss*



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**Vincent Hermoso** - February 06 at 12:49 PM

MW

“ *Myisha W. lit a candle in memory of Oliver Thompson*



Myisha W. - February 06 at 12:40 PM

BF

“ *Brown/Maxwell/Barber/Roberts Families purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Deacon Oliver Wendell Thompson.*



Brown/Maxwell/Barber/Roberts Families - February 06 at 11:42 AM

FU

“ *Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.*

Friends - George Mason University - February 06 at 11:20 AM

CG

“ *College of Science, GMU purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Deacon Oliver Wendell Thompson.*



College of Science, GMU - February 06 at 11:18 AM

MH

“ Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. May Brother rest in peace.



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**Melissa Hayes** - February 06 at 11:17 AM

CW

“ Constance Washington lit a candle in memory of Oliver Thompson



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**Constance Washington** - February 06 at 10:45 AM

AC

“ Addie Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Oliver Thompson



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**Addie Carter** - February 05 at 01:53 PM



“ Sending our prayers out to the family

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**A'smile Alexander** - February 05 at 09:17 AM



“ *Sending prayers to the family and friends so sorry for your loss*



Delores Sidney - February 04 at 08:26 PM



“ *To the Thompson family, our hearts are saddened but we share sympathy with you. What a great person deacon Oliver Thompson was. Lots of jokes, laughter, fun and his love for singing and serving God. He will be missed dearly but his legend will live on. Pastor Boyd, Patricia, Jesse, Jelly, grand children and great grand children you are the fruits of this mighty man, trust in God to strengthen all of you. From Mary Snell (Coote) & Family.*



Cynthia Snell - February 04 at 12:53 PM



*The Lend Lloyd Family  
We would like to extend our heartfelt and sincere condolences to you and your family. God chose a blooming flower for His garden. Surely Bro. Thompson will continue to sing, pray, and bloom. Praise God.*

Jennifer Lloyd - February 05 at 12:42 PM



“ *Robbin Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Oliver Thompson*



Robbin Johnson - February 04 at 11:19 AM

VG

“ Van Gipson sent a virtual gift in memory of Oliver Thompson



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**Van Gipson** - February 04 at 10:21 AM

AA

“ Arcelia, Henry, Jason, Paula Armstrong planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Oliver Wendell Thompson.

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**Arcelia, Henry, Jason, Paula Armstrong** - February 03 at 10:54 PM

AA

“ Arcelia, Henry, Jason, Paula Armstrong purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Deacon Oliver Wendell Thompson.



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**Arcelia, Henry, Jason, Paula Armstrong** - February 03 at 10:54 PM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth sent a virtual gift in memory of Oliver Thompson



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**Eddie Ainsworth** - February 03 at 08:38 PM

VE

“ Vergiejackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Oliver Thompson



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**Vergiejackson** - February 03 at 06:13 PM

CC

“ Prayers and blessings are extended to my family.

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**Carolyn Ann Catchings** - February 03 at 05:53 PM

PE

“ Rest Well Uncle



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**Peanut** - February 03 at 05:53 PM

CA

“ Cathy Alexande sent a virtual gift in memory of Oliver Thompson



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**Cathy Alexande** - February 03 at 03:14 PM

MM

“ *Melinda Mack lit a candle in memory of Oliver Thompson*



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**Melinda Mack** - February 03 at 09:37 AM

EY

“ *Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Oliver Thompson*



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**Evelyn Young** - February 03 at 02:52 AM

NC

“ *Noble Carson lit a candle in memory of Oliver Thompson*



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**Noble Carson** - February 02 at 10:20 PM

NC

“ *Noble Carson lit a candle in memory of Oliver Thompson*



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**Noble Carson** - February 02 at 10:11 PM

RD

“ *Ralph Edward Davis lit a candle in memory of Oliver Thompson*



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**Ralph Edward Davis** - February 02 at 08:28 PM

DJ

“ *Delphine Jenkins-Davis lit a candle in memory of Oliver Thompson*



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**Delphine Jenkins-Davis** - February 02 at 06:34 PM