



## Mr. Charles Bernard "Motown" Thomas, Sr.

December 31, 1958 - March 1, 2025

Mr. Charles Bernard Thomas, Sr., affectionately known as "Motown", age 66, transitioned from this life on March 1, 2025 at UF Health Shands Hospital.

Charles, the oldest of two siblings, was born to the late Emanuel Thomas, Jr. and Vester Mae Thomas on December 31, 1958. Charles attended the Alachua County public school system. He worked in construction for almost forty years. His hobbies included playing card games and dominoes with his family and friends.

Charles was a lifetime resident of Gainesville, FL. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age.

Charles is preceded in death by his father, Emanuel Thomas, Jr., his mother, Vester Mae Jones-Thomas, his grandparents, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Charles's memories will last forever with his loving sons, Charles Bernard Thomas, Jr. and Tyree Jarell Thomas; one brother, Otis Thomas, Sr. (Regina); devoted cousin/caregiver, Larry Thomas, Sr. (Sharon), all of Gainesville, FL; Aunts, Mother Jerlene Gainey (the late Reverend Eugene Gainey), Bertha Lee Johnson, both of Gainesville, FL, and Willie Mae Ellison (the late Charlie Ellison) of Lake City, FL; one Uncle, Freddie Jones (Karen) of Tallahassee,

FL; one nephew, Otis Thomas, Jr. (Ashley) of Keystone, FL; one Niece, Brianna Thomas of Gainesville, FL; along with a host of cousins and friends.

Visitation for Mr. Thomas will be Friday, March 14, 2025 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Chestnut Memorial Chapel, 18 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 11:00 AM at First Missionary Baptist Church, 1515 Se 15th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641, Reverend Tyrone Blue, Pastor.

Interment will follow immediately in Pine Grove Cemetery, Gainesville, FL.

"A CHESTNUT SERVICE"

# Cemetery Details

## Pine Grove Cemetery

401 SE 21st Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32641

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 14. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chestnut Funeral Home  
18 NW 8th Avenue  
Gainesville, FL 32601

## Funeral Service

MAR 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Missionary Baptist Church  
1515 SE 15th St,  
Gainesville, FL 32641

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dale and Mary Akins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Charles Bernard "Motown" Thomas, Sr..



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**Dale and Mary Akins** - March 14, 2025 at 12:26 PM