

The Broken Chain

*We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

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Pallbearers

Joshua Amos
Sebastian Gleason
Jason Smith

Stuart Bennett
Alexander Smith
Dietrick Tyson

Honorary Pallbearers

Alfred Davis Sr.
Keith Davis
Melvin Davis Jr.
Alan Davis
Dave Robinson II

Alfred Davis Jr.
Justin Davis
Maurice Davis
Calvin Davis
Quincy Robinson

Flower Bearers

Women of GSBC and Davis Family

Interment

Trice Hill Cemetery
5101 North Coltrane Road
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73121

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Acknowledgement

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for all your many acts of kindness, comforting words and prayers during this difficult time. Special gratitude goes to Page Sanctuary. May God bless and sustain you.

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Homegoing Celebration

For

Rev. Dr. Reginald Thomas



Sunrise

July 31, 1955

Sunset

July 28, 2021



Order of Service

Saturday, August 21, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

GREATER SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

1108 N.E. 50th Street

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Pastor Orlando J. Black, Sr. - Officiating

Processional	..... Ministers, Funeral Directors and Family
Prayer	..... Pastor James Dozier
Old Testament Scripture	..... Bishop Donny McKnight Pastor Keith Douglas
New Testament Scripture	..... Pastor Kenneth Sherrill, Sr. Pastor Clarence Johnson
Selection	..... “Child of the King” Written by Reginald Thomas
Resolutions	..... Sister Virginia Pugh
Selection	..... “Total Praise”
Reading of Obituary	..... Sister Virginia Pugh
Expressions of Love	..... Reverend Estell Ray Dr. Carol Hardeman, Sherman Andrus, Caszie Bennett, Roger Bouleware Sydney Smith, Kimberly Robinson Steele
Selection	..... “I Love The Lord”
Eulogy Pastor Orlando J. Black, Sr.
Video Tribute Temple and Sons Funeral Directors
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Obituary

Reverend Doctor Reginald Thomas, affectionately known as “Reggie,” was born on July 31, 1955, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to John Henry Thomas and Alva Lamar Davis Thomas. He accepted Christ at an early age, and joined the Greater Shiloh Baptist Church, the long-time spiritual home of several Davis family members, including his grandparents, Arque, Marie and Fannie Davis.

As a young child, Reggie’s exceptional gifts of playing the piano and singing were evident when he began music lessons at the age of 12 under the guidance of Johnnie Kimbro. He was a natural! All through school, beginning at Page Elementary, continuing through Dewey Elementary, Harding Jr. High and Northeast High School, he was frequently requested to participate in school variety shows and assemblies. In high school, he met Dr. Carol Hardeman, the teacher who had a tremendous influence on his life. He was requested to be the musical accompanist for the Vocal Department all the years he attended Northeast High School.

His reputation as an exceptional musical talent preceded him, and he was involved in many performances including the school’s production of the well-known play “Jesus Christ Superstar.” He was an invaluable part of the widely acclaimed school singing group called The Viking Singers that performed throughout Oklahoma. Music and performing was a family tradition he undoubtedly learned from his mother Alva, who performed with the Davis Trio many years before.

Reginald was a gifted musician, playwright, teacher of vocal music, and sketch artist. He was a master on the piano, composing music and writing charts for other musicians to follow. He was a highly sought-after musician and skilled communicator, which opened many doors for him to accompany world known recording artists such as Sherman Andrus, James Cleveland, Walter, Tremaine and Lynette Hawkins, and Daryl Coley. He traveled throughout the United States, Canada and Africa, ministering through music and preaching the Word of God. Reginald attended the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and continued his college education at Oklahoma University. He later received his Doctorate degree from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

Reginald, along with fellow musicians Terry Spigner, Robert Gaines, Daniel Haynes, and Denise Tinnon formed the community choir Emeralds of Grace in 1974. The choir consisted of teenagers and young adults who loved the Lord and wanted to use their gifts in God’s

Service. Additionally, Reginald formed the gospel group Shekinah, consisting of members Shirley Jefferson, Bonita Franklin, Vickie (Scott) Williams, Mary Smith, Debra Bennett, Bernae Richardson, Phillip Smith, Melvin Roberts, and his brother, John Thomas. The group Shekinah recorded several songs including “Brand New,” “Lord You’ve Been So Good,” and “I’m Not Afraid.”

While serving as one of the Ministers of Music at Praise Center Church, Reginald’s relationship with the Lord grew, and he answered God’s call to become a minister. He was ordained by Bishop Quander Wilson in August 1988 and later became Senior Pastor of Judah Ministry, which later became Zion Worship Center. Several ministries were birthed out of this ministry. Reginald had a vision to minister beyond the four walls of the church, reaching out to the community and ministering to people’s spiritual and physical needs. He hosted many revivals, community mixers, and had a special heart for the youth. He opened the church doors for the children to learn karate, gymnastics, dance, vocal, and instrumental lessons and founded Zion School of Fine Arts. During his pastorate at Zion Worship Center, Reginald and Mary Smith wrote and directed the play “Compassionate King.” He composed, performed, and produced all the music. While handling the busy duties of ministry, Reginald still made time to care for his mother Alva for many years until her passing. All who knew and were shepherded by Pastor Thomas will tell you he was a great man who was a kind, loving, and giving teacher and preacher of the Word of God.

On July 28, 2021, Reginald went to his eternal home. He was welcomed by: his grandparents, Marie Berry (Davis), Arque and Fannie; his parents, John Henry and Alva; and brother, John. He leaves to cherish his memory: brother, Bernard Davis; sisters, Debra Sue Taylor Wright and Phyllis Ann Taylor; and a host of family and friends. The music Reggie shared at numerous church services, weddings, and other events will always be remembered. Ministry and music are the gifts he shared with the world – and we are forever blessed!

The family would like to extend special acknowledgements to the following individuals who showed their selfless love and support to Reginald during his later years: Norva Fowler (Aunt), Alfred and Mary Ann Davis (Uncle and Aunt), Quanyin Watson (Niece), Mary Smith (Friend), and Wilbur Irving (Friend-Deceased). Your acts of kindness will always be remembered.