

The Embalmers Oath

I do Solemnly Swear By that which I hold most Sacred:

That I shall be loyal to my profession and just and generous to its members

That I shall lead my life and practice my art in uprightness and honor

That into whatsoever house shall I enter it shall be for the benefit and comfort of those bereaved

That I shall abstain from every voluntary act of misconduct or corruption

That I shall obey the civil laws

That I shall not divulge professional confidences

And that I shall be faithful to those who have placed their trust in me

While I continue to keep this oath unviolated may it be granted to me to enjoy honor, in my life and in my profession, and may I be respected by men for all time.

Acknowledgements

The Family wishes to thank you for your prayers, acts of kindness, support, and the devotion of love to us at this time. Continue to pray for us and lift us as we pray for you. A very special thank you to the Alpha Pi Chapter, Joseph Parker, Joel Bailey, Joshua McCormick, Coretta Scott Harwood, and Anthony Felder.

Pallbearers

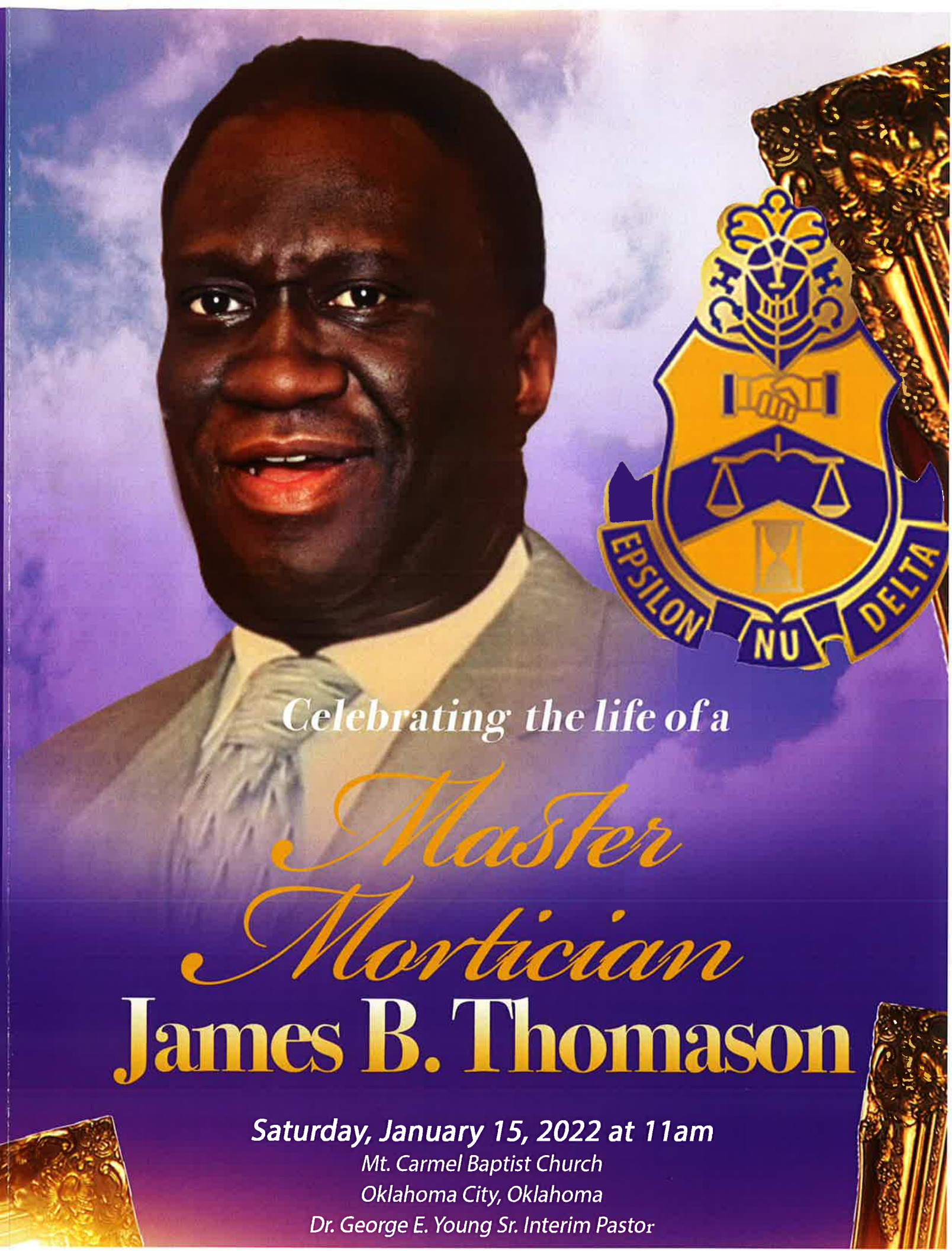
Family and Friends

Interment

Hillcrest Memory Gardens
Spencer, Oklahoma

Services by

Temple and Sons Funeral Directors Inc
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Celebrating the life of a

*Master
Mortician*
James B. Thomason

Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11am

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dr. George E. Young Sr. Interim Pastor

Order Of Service

James B. Thomason a native of Oklahoma crossed the golden shores January 02, 2022 in Tacoma, Washington. James was involved in funeral service since the age of twelve. His interest was sparked by his mother who was a beautician at Temple Funeral Home. He worked part-time while in junior high, and after graduating from high school, attended Central State University obtaining a BA Degree in Mortuary Science in 1980.

James loved music almost as much as he loved funeral service. He served as choir director, organist, and assistant Min. of Music for Allen Chapel A.M.E. He also served as Min. of Music of two other local Baptist churches. Working in the funeral industry during the day, he also worked nights as a check processing clerk. He later was promoted to an Operations Officer at Fidelity Bank NA. In 1987 he moved from Oklahoma City and relocated to Los Angeles, California. where his father lived. While in Los Angeles, James worked for House of Winston Mortuary and Harrison-Ross Mortuaries. He established a trade embalming service Master's Hands Mortuary Care Svc., therefore he worked for several area funeral establishments on call. He continued his music ministry at two area churches in Los Angeles. Zane Fitch, a childhood friend and big brother, offered him an opportunity to move to the Pacific Northwest. In 1994 he accepted the offer and relocated to Seattle, Washington where he began working at Dayspring & Fitch.

James continued at Dayspring and Fitch for many years as the primary embalmer. He was employed at Mt. View Funeral Home in 1995 where he worked for 19 years. He also worked on call for Able TMA Mortuary and Upper Room Funeral Chapel in Tacoma. In 2015 he began employment with Piper-Morley Funeral Home until his health fell victim to a mild stroke on October 31, 2016. Thru God's Master's Hands he recovered and began working as the lead funeral director and operations manager at Premire Funeral Services.

His educational endeavors include a MA. Degree in Counseling Psychology, Central State University along with a MA Degree in Organizational Management, University of Phoenix and most recently completed studies with International Cemetery, Cremation & Funeral Assoc. receiving a Certified Crematory Operator's Certificate. Other educational achievements include the prestigious CFSP designation (Certified Funeral Service Practitioner).

His professional affiliations and awards include: California Funeral & Embalmers Assoc., State Embalmers & Directors Assoc. of Oklahoma, Washington State Funeral Directors Assoc, National Funeral Directors Assoc., National Funeral Directors & Mortician's Assoc., Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary & Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternities. James has served on the Board of Directors for the WSFDA for 7 years and in 2007 he became the 1st and only African American President in State History. In 2001 he was awarded Funeral Director of the Year by WSFDA, 2007 Embalmer of the Year by Epsilon Nu Delta, and Special Service Award by the NFDA.

He has been guest instructor/speaker for several mortuary schools, as well as state and national associations. He has written and presented over 20 funeral and embalming seminars. James is a proud member of Pacific Christian Center for over 20 years. He was preceded by his parents James Bernard Thomason and Irene Thomason. He is survived by his only child Christina C. Thomason (Jones) and her husband Angelo M. Ross Jones, and two grandchildren, Nathaniel J. Henderson III (Grandson) and Breauna C. Henderson (granddaughter) who reside in The Colony, Texas.

James B. Thomason

Processional

Congregational Hymn | I will Trust in the Lord

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament: Rev. Steve Braxton

New Testament: Rev. Mary Grey

Prayer of Comfort: Dr. George E. Young Sr.

Song: Recording – Ordinary People by Dannie Bell Hall

Acknowledgements

Resolutions

Selection

Remarks (2 minutes)

Song | Recording | Beyond The Veil by Daryl Coley

Eulogy | Rev. Joe W. Brooks

A Final Glimpse

Recessional | I Can Only Imagine

Due to Covid-19 NO REPAST IS PLANNED

Dad,

I know that you've been the center of attention in life, and it's clearly reflected by all the people that are here in this room that have been personally touched by you. I can't help but wonder if you knew how proud of you I am. You're kind of like a big deal. Who knew you'd be the first African American President of the Washington State Funeral Directions Association, and would be named Funeral Director of the Year, or that you were the former President of the Alpha Pi chapter of Epsilon Nu Delta, and the founding member of that mortuary science fraternity. The biggest of all I'd say is I never knew you were a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Dad this is truly something to look up to!

Being here in Seattle seeing and hearing of all your accolades I am discovering how much we're truly alike. You and I both have strong work ethics, we both have lifelong lasting friendships – people easily gravitate towards you and your personality, we're both great decorators, and are organized paper hoarders. In talking with your friends and former colleagues they are truly appreciative of you and your life. The plans you made for your final homegoing is has been carried out perfectly by your friends. I wouldn't be surprised if there's a line around the block of people waiting to pay their respects to you at your services.

Through all of this one of the biggest regrets I have is the time we've lost throughout the years. It breaks my heart to know that on your last day of life we didn't get to have our video call the hospital was planning for us. Since no farewell words were said I'll remember the better days we've shared. Knowing all of what you've accomplished the world has truly lost one of its finest Master Morticians, you have affected a lot of lives and you will forever be missed.

No matter how many times you've tried to tell me, I "DO NOT" remember pouring milk on my pancakes! And how in the world are you 29 and I'm older than you.... Even though I tell myself I'm 28. All in all I'm so proud to be your daughter.

-Christina