

Pallbearers

Refuge Temple Deacons

Floral Bearers

Refuge Temple Missionary Department

A Letter From Heaven

To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say. But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven.

Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears of sadness.

Here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I am out of sight.

Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night.

That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through.

God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you.

It's good to have you back again,

When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years.

Because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.

But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.

Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.

I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.

But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.

But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is over.

I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before.

There are rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;

But together we can do it by taking one day at a time.

It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too;

That as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.

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In  
**Loving  
Memory**  
of  
**Deacon Thomas Hampton, Sr.**



*Saturday, March 26, 2022*

*1:00 p.m.*

*Refuge Temple Church*

*4450 Argent Court*

*Columbia, South Carolina*

*Minister Chris Breeden, Moderator*

*Bishop Sylvester K. Reid, Pastor*

## Obituary

*Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. Revelation 14:13*

On the morning of March 15, 2022, our dearly beloved, Thomas Hampton, Sr., born to Walter Hampton Sr. and Lillian Hampton, peacefully transitioned to heaven to be with the Lord in the comfort of his home, in Columbia, South Carolina, at the age of 87 years old.

Thomas was born on September 11, 1934. He was raised in Englewood, New Jersey with his siblings, Walter “Junie” Hampton, Jr., Howard “Howie” Hampton, and Joan “Joanie” Hampton.

As a teenager, Thomas worked as a paperboy for “The National Inquirer” and saved his funds to purchase a Harley Davidson motorcycle. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle everywhere and took pride in it, driving all around Englewood, NJ, passing swiftly onto the George Washington bridge into lower Manhattan and then navigating through NYC’s very own “Uptown A.K.A Harlem.”

One summer day, Thomas was hanging out with his motorcycle crew and asked his friend to introduce him to his future wife, Barbara Montgomery. On December 7, 1958, they married and later birthed five beautiful children: Thomas Olive Hampton, Jr, Vincent Nelson Hampton, Lamont Hampton, Raymond Dwight Hampton, and Michelle Darlene Hampton. They raised their family in Harlem, New York - Manhattanville Houses.

Thomas was a family man who preferred for Barbara to be a housewife, while he worked for the MTA. While she raised their five children, he provided for their household. He was a very hard-working man. His regular bus route was to drive the M104 bus on Broadway Avenue. The New York Daily News highlighted a story of Thomas as one of NYC’s most dedicated city workers.

On his time-off, Thomas enjoyed going on boat rides, playing baseball with his sons, spending time in Atlantic City with his wife and attending family cookouts. In the late 1990s, he became a member of The Salvation of Deliverance Church on 116th St. in Harlem, NY. He was a devoted born-again Christian, and he held several hats as a member. He drove the bus for all the church’s events, including the youth trips up to Miracle Mountain and several trips to North Carolina.

After Y2K, Thomas relocated to Columbia, SC with his two sons, Elder Vincent Nelson Hampton and Lamont Hampton. Soon after, he joined Refuge Temple Church of Columbia, SC, where he was baptized in the water, filled with holy spirit, and ordained as a deacon, under the leadership of the late Bishop William L. Bonner. Not only was he a faithful church member, but he had a heart of gold.

Thomas was always a helping hand to others; he rarely used the word **no**. While he was in his late 60s, he continued to remain physically active. He worked out at the gym at least five times a week. In addition, he volunteered at the NHC Parklane Nursing Home in Columbia, SC for about 10 years. Thomas was honored several times with certifications of recognition as Volunteer of the Year, Outstanding Community Service and he received a Certificate of Volunteer Service Hours.

Thomas was a meticulous storyteller; he shared several stories about his life with his family, mostly in laughter and spiritual communion. His favorite saying was: “Walk by Faith, Not by Sight” and “Hold on to the Broken Pieces.” Thomas lived a long prosperous life; he will be missed immensely. The memories and life lessons he taught us will never be forgotten. He will always and forever be lovingly remembered; and the legacy of Thomas Hampton Sr. will continue to live throughout generations.

Our dearly beloved Thomas, Sr. is at peace, smiling from the heavens above finally reunited in spirit with his mother and father, Walter Hampton and Lillian Hampton; his two brothers, Walter (Junie) Hampton, Jr. and Howard (Howie) Hampton; his wife, Barbara Hampton; his son, Lamont Hampton, and many others we have lost. May they all rest in eternal peace.

Thomas is survived by his sons, Thomas Olive (Donna) Hampton, Jr., of NY, Elder Vincent (Eugenie) Nelson Hampton, of SC, Raymond Dwight Hampton, of NY; his one and only loving daughter, Michelle Darlene Hampton, of NY; sister, Joan (Joanie) Hampton, of NC, 14 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, a host of extended family members, cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.

## Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Opening Selection.....	Refuge Temple Praise Team
Invocation.....	Elder Jason Myers
Old Testament.....	Minister Sherman Cannon
	Psalm 23
New Testament.....	Deacon Dennis Rump
	I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Selection.....	Refuge Temple Praise Team
Acknowledgements.....	Missionary Natacha Davis
Remarks.....	Deacon Board (3 minutes please) Brotherhood Department Seasoned Seniors
Selection.....	Refuge Temple Praise Team
Remarks.....	Missionary Department Women’s Council Department Minister and Deacons Wives Guild Crescent Hospice
Selection.....	Refuge Temple Praise Team
Remarks.....	Sunday School Department ABYPU W.L. Bonner College
Solo.....	Sister Karen Toland
	“I Trust In God”
Eulogy.....	Bishop Sylvester K. Reid
Benediction.....	Bishop Sylvester K. Reid
Recessional.	
Postlude	



### *Committal, Benediction and Interment*

**Rosehill Cemetery  
792 E Edgar Road  
Linden, New Jersey**

### *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mr. Thomas Hampton, Sr., would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Special thanks to the Refuse Temple Church Family, the staff of Crescent Hospice, Presbyterian of Columbia, and Leevy’s Funeral Home.