



## Carrington W. Thomas

March 6, 1932 - February 25, 2021

Carrington W. Thomas, affectionately known as “Ted” and “Waddell”, was born March 6, 1932 in Lynchburg, Virginia as the youngest child of Ruby Morgan Thomas and Paul Carrington Thomas. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Anez Thomas; sister, Geneva Cunningham; brothers, Paul Thomas, Robert Thomas, James Thomas, Jessie Thomas and Leslie Thomas.

Carrington dedicated his life to Christ at an early age and served Him until his transition into eternity on February 25, 2021.

In his formative years, Carrington attended schools in the Lynchburg Public School System, including Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School where he dominated as a student athlete. Known as Dunbar’s greatest athlete of all time, he held the all-time football records for total career touchdowns, total yards gains, and total interceptions in a single season. In 2002, he was inducted into the Lynchburg Area Sports Hall of Fame. He earned an athletic scholarship to attend Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee. At Tennessee State University, he played on three conference championship teams and one national championship team.

In addition to the brotherhood of the Tennessee State University’s football team, Carrington became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. His

dedication and commitment to his collegiate life didn't compare to the love and commitment for his high school sweetheart. Carrington married Anez Stratton, on December 30, 1954. Trevor Diane and Michael Stanley were added to this union.

In search of a better life for his family, Carrington relocated his family to Greensboro, North Carolina during a time where Americans were getting in "good trouble" to perfect quality of life for all. While in Greensboro, Carrington was employed at Hayes-Taylor YMCA and was a strong voice for civil rights which led to many of the groups meeting at the YMCA location, despite opposition. The famous Woolworth's lunch counter sit in was strategized in one of those meetings. His leadership in the Greensboro community grew through his continued athletic involvement as a referee for Greensboro City School sports and as a member of United Institutional Baptist Church. His excellence of service earned him a promotion to become the Executive Director of Indiana Avenue YMCA in Toledo, Ohio and he relocated his family to Toledo in 1970.

In this position, Carrington revitalized the Indiana Avenue YMCA by developing new and innovative programming which richly impacted the surrounding community; it is currently known as the Family House. Carrington and his family also worshiped in the community as members of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. He was eventually transferred from Indiana Avenue to the Downtown YMCA until it closed. After the YMCA, he briefly worked for The City of Toledo in the Department of Community Development. From there, he worked at the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA) as the Property Manager for Brand Whitlock, McClinton Nunn and Albertus Brown Homes until he retired.

Carrington's devotion to serving others continued as a faithful member of United Missionary Baptist Church where he was a charter member and

reliable Trustee. He was an active member of the city-wide Trustee Association where he served as Chairperson over scholarships. When Carrington wasn't opening the doors of the church or selecting scholarship recipients, you could find him watching any sport, on any given day, in his favorite chair on the 50 yard line.

Cherishing his memories are his daughter, Trevor Black (Dennis); son, Michael Thomas; daughter-in-law, Linda Thomas; granddaughters, Doreka Gans (David) of Stone Mountain, GA, Tasha Harton (Sammie), Miquelyn Thomas of Columbus, OH, and Donyelle Thomas of Murfreesboro, TN; great-grandchildren, Kabril Gans, Israel Gans, Christian Harton, Paris Harton, Imani Gans, SamereHarton, Chase Thomas and Braxton Nunn; nieces, Ruby Morgan of Lynchburg, VA, Yolanda Thomas and Bernadine Crawford both of Washington, DC; nephews Keith Morgan (Angie) of Silver Springs, MD, Robert Stratton Jr. (Joyce) of Albany, NY, Paul Cunningham of Newark, NJ and James Thomas; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue  
Toledo, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

United Missionary Baptist Church  
2705 Monroe Street  
Toledo, OH 43606

## Funeral Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *I remember his bright smile and warm presence at church he will be missed dearly*

**Karen Knabbs-Andrews** - March 18, 2021 at 10:29 PM

CL

“ *My condolences prayers and deepest sympathy for my 2nd family who treated me like one of their own way too many memories to mention but the one that always come to mind was the trip to the Hall of Fame game in Canton Ohio will always be my favorite He will surely be missed Rest In Peace. From Charles and family*

**Charles Lewis** - March 08, 2021 at 10:04 AM

JF

“ *James Tarrent and the Tarrent family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carrington W. Thomas.*



**James Tarrent and the Tarrent family** - March 05, 2021 at 09:15 PM

JT

“ My thought, prayers, and deepest sympathy go out to the Thomas family. To Trevor and Micheal I have so many memories of time spent with such a beautiful family. Your Parents had a great influence on me at a formative time in my life, Mr Thomas gave me one of my first jobs at the Indiana YMCA. The one memory that sticks with me the most is that on the day that I buried my father many years ago, as I was getting into the limo I felt a very strong hand on my shoulder, I turned around and there was Mr Thomas. He did not have to say a word, at that moment I knew that even though I was burying my father, I still have a father figure. Thank you Mr Thomas Rest In Heaven you will be missed.

*James F Tarrent*

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**James Tarrent** - March 05, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Carrington W. Thomas.



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March 05, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Carrington W. Thomas.



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March 05, 2021 at 12:56 PM

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“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Thomas. We extend our sincere condolences to the family. Our prayer is that God will provide all of you with whatever you need to get through this difficult time. May God bless each of you...Love to all of you❤️ The Family of the late Robert & Odessa Fletcher

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**Carol Fletcher** - March 01, 2021 at 11:20 PM

MD

To Trevor and family. Sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your Dad, Mr. Thomas. I will pray to the Lord, that He will comfort you during your time of bereavement. Marcella Davis

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**Marcella Davis** - March 04, 2021 at 03:02 PM

DJ

My Condolences..Praying for you and the family..

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**Denise Jones** - March 06, 2021 at 04:09 PM

KK

Trevor my prayers are with you and the family. He will be missed; I looked forward to him picking at me. GOD bless you

Karen Knabbs

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**Karen Knabbs-Andrews** - March 18, 2021 at 10:33 PM