



Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson

October 26, 1953 - February 25, 2026

Charles Lorensen Thompson Sr., affectionately known to many closest to him as “Sparrow,” 72, of Robersonville, North Carolina, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on February 25, 2026, in Greenville, North Carolina. Charles was born on October 26, 1953, in Williamston, North Carolina, to the late James Thompson Sr. and Geneva Jones Roberson. He was a proud graduate of Robersonville High School and spent his life serving his community in many capacities. Over the years, he worked with Martin County Schools as both a custodian and a bus garage mechanic. He also served as a correctional officer at Bertie Correctional Institution. Later, driven by his passion for working with his hands and fixing vehicles, Charles operated his own mechanic shop in the town of Robersonville before moving the business to his home, where he continued doing what he loved.

Charles was well known throughout the community for his strength, earning him the reputation of being a “muscle man.” He had a love for cars and owned anywhere from 15 to 20 over the years of his life. He was also willing to step in when guidance was needed and people jokingly referred to him as the “child corrector.” Many often called on him to help steer their children in the right direction. While his methods could be firm with his infamous knuckle sandwich (that included verbal correction, knuckle press, and then encouragement to do better), he genuinely cared enough to see children do well and succeed in this life. Many who received those knuckle sandwiches later laughed with him about it, grateful for the lessons learned.

As life went on, Charles came to know that his strength alone was not enough. He learned that life was better with God leading the way. On September 11th, 2016, Charles gave his life to Christ at Christ Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Robersonville NC. He later rededicated on January 11, 2026, at Upper Room Apostolic Ministry in Robersonville NC. Above all, Charles loved people and he loved a good time with the people he loved. His sense of humor was one of his greatest gifts, carrying him through life's ups and downs and lifting the spirits of those around him. That same laughter, resilience, and strength live on in his children and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Family & Loved Ones

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Harry Lee Thompson and James Thompson Jr.; his sisters, Ernestine Thompson (infant), Idonia Thompson Banks, and Gloria Lucas; and his great-grandson, Daelan Carter.

Those left to cherish Charles' memory are his loving and devoted wife of 34 years, Margaret Thompson of Robersonville, NC; his children, D'Jara Thompson of Greenville, NC, Almeco Thompson (Chauntreal) of Greenville, NC, Deborah Horne (Frank) of Tarboro, NC, Anica Higgs (Ronald) of Oak City, NC, Lavita Whitley of Greenville, NC, Marcus Exum of Greenville, NC, Charles Thompson Jr. (Avia) of Robersonville, NC, Dobbin Antwan Thompson of Greenbelt, Maryland, Travis Thompson of Greenville, NC, Jamaica Roberson of Greenville, NC, and Jamya Roberson of Greenville, NC; 26 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Bennie Jones Sr. (Bernice), William Paige, and Annie Knight (Frankie), all of Robersonville, NC, and Fannie Roberson (Jimmy) of High Point, NC; his special sister-in-law, Ruby Everett of Everetts, NC; a host of nieces and nephews, with special mention to Roxy Whitley of Robersonville, NC, Kenya Paige of Raleigh, NC, Ricky Stokes of Nashville, NC, and Calvin Brown of Washington, D.C.; and his best friends, Orlando Croom and Charles Goss, both of Robersonville, NC, and Clifton Crandell of Hampton, Georgia.

Charles was a legend that will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. His strength, humor, and the memories he created will forever live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Roberson Baptist Church
305 Cochran Street
Robersonville, NC 27871

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - March 15 at 12:33 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - March 18 at 10:31 AM

CF

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the entire family of Uncle Charles during this difficult time. We are praying that God will surround you with His peace, comfort your hearts, and strengthen you in the days ahead. Love Cee Cee, Shannon, Jaden, & Tyler*



Cee Cee & Family - March 12 at 12:29 PM

LB

“ *To the Thompson family sorry for your loss. I'm gonna miss my buddy rest in peace Charles
Pete Barnhill*

Linda Barnhill - March 10 at 06:44 PM

DR

“ Tyrone and Denise Roberson



Denise Roberson - March 09 at 07:52 PM

WA

“ Willie And. MARY ANDREWS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson



Willie and. MARY ANDREWS - March 05 at 04:47 PM

HD

“ Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson



Hazel Brown Davis - March 04 at 02:10 PM

FW

“ My prayers and condolences to all who knew and loved Charles. Keep him in your hearts and hold on to Jesus and each other! Love y'all. Ms Faye 🙏❤️



Faye Wiggins - March 04 at 10:42 AM

RC

My love and prayer is with you always and forever God got you

Ruby Clark - March 08 at 02:03 PM

TW

“ *Tiponya Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson*



Tiponya Williams - March 03 at 08:24 PM

SL

“ *Sheilena Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson*



Sheilena Little - March 03 at 01:52 PM

CD

“ *Sending my Condolences To the Family from New York City ..Praying God will Give U Strength.*



Caren Durham - March 03 at 11:26 AM

AF

“ Alton And Linda Powell Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson



Alton and Linda Powell Family - March 02 at 09:55 PM

BP

“ Brenda Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson



Brenda Purvis - March 02 at 03:51 PM

OK

“ Odessa Keel-Pugh sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson



Odessa Keel-Pugh - March 02 at 03:32 PM

MH

“ Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson



Mona Harris - March 02 at 02:33 PM

AJ

“ *Annette Marshall James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson*



Annette Marshall James - March 02 at 10:56 AM

CS

“ *Connie Speller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson*



Connie Speller - March 01 at 04:42 PM

HA

“ *Blessings and strength to the family 🙏.Henry Acklin*

Henry Acklin - March 01 at 08:18 AM

DB

“ *GRACE BE UNTO THE FAMILY*



Donnie Brown - February 28 at 01:31 PM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family 🙏*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - February 28 at 12:14 PM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Lorensen Thompson*



Cecily Sene - February 28 at 08:46 AM

CS

“ *May God Grant Your Family With Peace and A Loving Memorable ❤️ of Your Love One Weeping May Endure For A Night But Joy Comes in The Morning, MeKo & Family Gavin Saton Sr. And His Mom Cecily and His Sister Chelsea Love You All and We Are Praying.*



Cecily Sene - February 27 at 10:01 PM

CW

“ *Condolences to the family 🙏*

Kenneth and Cathy Wallace



Cathy Wallace - February 27 at 07:47 PM



Lit a candle in memory of Charles Thompson

JW - March 11 at 12:57 PM