



## Dr. Oswald Lee Thomas

August 21, 1953 - May 24, 2021

Oswald Lee Thomas was born to Vergie Mae Gardner on August 21st, 1953 at the historic Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. He was later adopted by her husband Israel Thomas.

After graduating from Northwest High school, he attended the University of Missouri-Columbia earning a Bachelor's Degree. It was there he became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. This was followed by attendance at the University of Missouri-Kansas City where he earned his Doctorate in Dental Surgery. It was there he met Mary Crumbley whom he married and to their union three lovely children were born. They later divorced but remained close friends.

Oswald dedicated his life to practicing dentistry first in private practice in University City and more recently in public health serving the Greater St. Louis community at Care STL. One of the highlights of his career was serving as the first African-American President of the Missouri Dental Board. His mission in private practice and public health was service to those with difficulty accessing care. He was bilingual and enjoyed speaking Spanish to Hispanic patients. He practiced dentistry for 38 years.

Those left to cherish his memory: are his daughter, Megan Thomas-Wilson (Edward), of Columbia, MO; daughter, Melissa Thomas-Span (David), of

Kansas City, MO; son Osten Thomas (Tara), of Chicago, IL; grandchildren Charles, Exavier and Emery Wilson, Oaklen Thomas, and David Jackson Span; his sisters Beverly Bussey (Bill); Sandra Thomas; Marcia Thomas; Melanie Wallace (Rick); Melinda Thomas; and brother Steven Thomas (Jackie).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church  
1118 N Grand Blvd,  
St. Louis, MO 63106

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Doctor Thomas was my next door neighbor for a number of years when he lived on Amherst Avenue. He was a very good friend to me and we helped each other. After he moved, I went to see him for dental care. My Condolences to his family as he will be missed.



James Borden - September 02, 2022 at 12:00 PM

JB

“ For several years he was my next door neighbor when he lived on Amherst Avenue. He was a good friend to me and we helped each other out. After he moved out I went to see him for dental care. He is going to be missed. My Condolences to the family. JAMES BORDEN



James Borden - September 02, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ Brenda Joy lit a candle in memory of Dr. Oswald Lee Thomas



Brenda Joy - June 07, 2021 at 12:17 AM

CJ

“ *My Condolences to the Thomas family*



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**Constance Jefferson** - May 28, 2021 at 09:29 PM

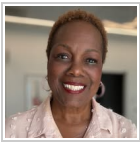
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“ *I just looked Oswald up in the 1971 NWHS yearbook. Sure enough, I remember Oswald as a very polite and intelligent classmate. I am saddened to know of his passing, and send my most heartfelt condolences to the entire family. May he rest in peace!*  
*Dr. Donald Frischmann*



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**Dr. Donald Frischmann** - May 28, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to the Thomas family. 🙏 May all your fond memories sustain you during this time of transition. Absent in the body, forever present with the Lord 🙏 I, amongst many, shared a wonderful college experience with Os at MIZZOU, the Kappa Karnival n all the shenanigans as OG funkateers 🎵 growing up in the 70s. Dr. Thomas' commitment to his community is a testament to a life of service. Rest in Heaven 🙏 Robin Morgan Billups Family*

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**Robin Billups** - May 28, 2021 at 12:10 PM

CJ

“ *To the Thomas Family,  
So saddened to hear of Oswald passing, praying for God's Comfort  
an Peace. Our families go back 56 years to 5569 Maple. We lived  
right across the hall from Mr an Mrs Thomas, Oswald, Beverly,  
sandy, Steven, Marcia, Melanie an melody.. My parents were Mr an  
Mrs bester, gregory, Walter, joann an christy. Me an Oswald  
birthdays were 2 days apart. Praying for the family. Love an prayers  
christy, joann, gregory*

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**Christy jackson** - May 27, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was  
purchased for the family of Dr. Oswald Lee  
Thomas.*



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May 26, 2021 at 10:44 PM