

Paul Lindsley Thomas, 92, returned home to his Creator on Sunday, October 10, 2021. A devoted husband and father, he was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce, and is survived by his son, Craig. A lifelong churchman, he spent his career bringing God's love to others through music. He was devoted to fulfilling the words written by Charles Villiers Stanford: "Let every instrument be tuned for praise. Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise, and may God give us faith to sing always."

Paul's passion for music set his life course early. At four years of age he began music lessons taught by his mother, Virginia, and later became a chorister at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine. He played his first organ recital at age 14 under the guidance of Dr Norman Coke-Jephcott.

A native of New York, Paul's early school years were spent outside the city in a school founded by William Augustus Muhlenberg, an Episcopal bishop. Paul would later in life compose a musical setting for a hymn written by Bishop Muhlenberg titled "Shout the glad tidings."

Paul earned undergraduate degrees from Trinity University and Yale University, and a graduate degree in organ from Yale. He was the fifth member of his family to attend Yale, preceded by his father, mother, and two brothers. Paul was valedictorian of his undergraduate class at Yale and, like his mother before him, won the coveted organ prize. After settling in Texas, Paul also earned a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of North Texas.

Paul served as the Organist and Choirmaster at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church from 1960 until 1997. After his retirement from Saint Michael, he went on to serve Trinity Episcopal Church for 11 years, and in 2008 was appointed Director of Music and Organist at the Chapel of the Cross.

A memorial service will be held in thanksgiving for Paul's life at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16 November 2021, at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church (8011 Douglas Ave, Dallas).

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Paul's honor may be made to the Saint Michael and All Angels Paul Lindsley Thomas Chorister Scholarship program, St. Timothy School at Chapel of the Cross, or to the Church Music Institute Paul Lindsley Thomas Lecture Series.