

God Looked Around His Garden and Found An Empty Place

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty place.
Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He placed His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills were hard to climb,
so He closed your eyes and whispered
"Peace be Thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
but you did not go alone,
a part of us went with you
the day God called you home.
If love would have saved you,
you never would have died.*

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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Homegoing Celebration for



Paula Thomas

Sunrise
June 25, 1946

Sunset
May 18, 2013

Service
Thursday, June 6, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY
Rev. Tory Liferidge, Officiating
Marvin Hadley, Organist

Obituary

Paula Thomas, age sixty-six, departed this life Saturday, May 18, 2013. Paula's life journey began June 25, 1946. She was born in Harlem Hospital in New York. She was baptized March 21, 1956 at Mount Calvary in Jersey City, NJ. Paula moved to Brooklyn in the early 60's where she became a longtime resident for over fifty years.

Paula attended PS 10, Wadleigh Middle School, Charles Evans Hughes HS. She graduated with the class of 1965. She then attended House and Hospital of the Daughter's of Israel School of Nursing. She graduated August, 1968 obtaining licensed certification for Nurse's Assistant. Paula was employed at Bell Telephone Co., Nathan's in Coney Island and was one of the first women employed by the company. She was employed at McDonald's the food chain restaurants. Paula's last and final job where she worked for over twenty-seven years was for The City of New York The Department of Human Resource Administration. She was still employed there at the time of her passing. Paula was an outstanding employee who was dedicated and committed to excellence wherever she worked.

Paula loved spending time with family especially holidays. She loved music, dancing, picnic's, BBQ's, and shopping in stores, online, via telephone and if any other method of shopping existed she would have done that too. Paula had a big heart there was room for all. There was no problem she couldn't or wouldn't try and solve. She will be greatly missed not by one but by all.

Paula leaves to celebrate her life: her daughter, Parrish Thomas; son, Paul Moore; grandson, Marcus Johnson; her mom, Viola Dunbar/Johnson, two sisters, Yvonne Bryant and Sheryl Johnson; nine nieces, Robin Johnson, Toby Bryant, Stacey Simpkins/Powell, Kristine Simpkins/Young, Kelly Simpkins, Yolonda Johnson, Tara Taylor, Danielle Woodbury(Johnson), Shadai Woodbury(Johnson) and Barbara Banton; two nephews, Ronald Bryant and Terrence Taylor; twenty-eight grand nieces/nephews, seven great grand nieces/nephews, one great great grand on the way and two stepsons, Bobby Walker and Kevin Walker; a host of other family members and friends.

Preceding Paula in death was her father, Clarence "CT" Johnson, her sister, Deborah Marie Simpkins; and her brother, James Edward Johnson aka Champ.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

"Amazing Grace"

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

"Can Somebody Help Me"

Acknowledgements

George Jones

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

"Down By The Riverside"

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Final Disposition

Woodlawn Crematory
Chester, New York