

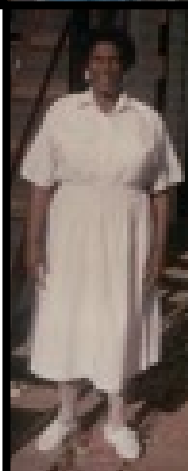
In Loving Memory of
Emily Victoria Thom

Sunrise
May 2, 1924

Sunset
August 14, 2013

Thursday, August 22, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. MARK'S AME CHURCH
587 Springdale Avenue • East Orange, NJ
Rev. Vernon H. Peters, Officiating



Reflections of Life

Emily Victoria Thom (known as Vashti Bailey) was born on May 2, 1924 in No. 5 Village, West Coast Berbice, Guyana to William and Christina Bailey. She was one of ten children. She was raised early on by her Auntie Lee and early schooling at Mahaicony Primary School. Back in No. 5 Village Emily was very active in the congregational church.

Emily met and began a courtship with a young man name Leonard Thom, who subsequently fell in love with her beauty and loving spirit. They joined holy matrimony in 1944. In her lifetime she produced six children, all girls. She was always devoted and worked extremely hard; even going that extra mile to provide for her family. She worked as a vendor for many years to support that cause.

With the tragic passing of her daughter Carmen, she migrated to Canada in 1976 and in turn met a truest friend for life in Jesse Miranda who not only befriended her in many other ways. She was a visionary and goal setting. She knew for a better opportunity for her family she would have to continue her hard work for her family while always continuing to serve her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In 1979, she made good on her promises and returned to her native land of Guyana to bring her two youngest girls Jacqueline and Zelda to the United States to be with her. Several years later she duplicated that feat and returned again for another daughter; Mertle. She kept the dream alive until she was able to bring her two remaining girls Hermin and Irill all to be reunited with her. From that lineage many grand children are now residing here also in the United States all through her great sacrifice and determination.

Emily worked for many years at Morris Hills Health Center as a dietary aide and also held down several other live in jobs taking care of elderly and young kids too. She was a terrific and kind babysitter who loved kids. A tremendous cook and a woman that loved to bake pastries. You name and she made it.

She loved her church and was a lifelong member of St. Marks A.M.E in this very city of East Orange, NJ. She served as an usher, stewardess, hospitality and nurses club as well as a missionary. Serving God was what she knew. She faithfully attended church until she took ill and wasn't able to come out; nevertheless she never departed from her Lord and Savior.

Emily departed this life on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 after her brave and courageous fight. She was predeceased in death by both her parents, William and Christina; her husband, Leonard, brothers, William and Frederick, sisters, Julia, Christina, Francis, and Stella, daughters, Carmen, Mertle and Jacqueline.

Emily leaves to cherish her memories: sisters, Alma Bailey, Veronica Michael and Sheldon Bailey, both of Canada; daughters, Hermin, Irill, Zelda; grandkids, Glen and Claude Johnson, Seon Richmond, Coretta Nester, Sherwin and Lance Williams, Kevin, Nigel, and Robin Douglas, Bevone and Iken Bailey, Zoriah Fowler, William, Earl, Lance, and Jennifer Williams of Canada, Rhonda Thom, Kelli Oxford, and Jamil Bailey; loving cousins, Claris Bacchus, Welimina Bailey, Keith Semple and many others; nieces & nephews, Denise Innis, Stanton Roberts, Sherman, Dinsmore, Prince, Jean, and Dorette, Glennis, Heather, Lucille, Bearl, Winston and Johnny Anderson. Aubrey Bailey, Mureen Watts, Clairmont Nedd and many others; son-in-law, Norton Douglas Great Aunt to, Brenda, Marva, Laurianne, Tony, Sheldon, Hortense, Tommy, Quinton and Timothy, Marlyn, Aundrea, Claudette Johnson and many others; cousins to the Semples of Hopetown, Berbice; great grandmother just to name a few of, Cleve, Rovin, Russell, Ashley, Glen Jr., Malcolm, Dinah, Claude Jr., Keon Williams, Shyanne and Shawn, Kiarra, Shaquand, Stacia, Kendra and Kelis, Emilyn and Anthony, Zion, Ke'Naiyah, Lamont, Lamar, Laron, Anthony Thom and Zaire, Earl Jr., Jaynard Derrerad, William Jr., and Nigel of Canada; other relatives including Loretta Thom, Karen Liverpool, Rudwell Johnson, Desmond Bailey, Shelly Bailey, Anne Simon, Samuel Roberts, Carlyle Stethney and many others. Loving longtime friends, Jesse Miranda, Gritta Da Silva, Winnifred Robinson, Thelma Mitchell, Joyce Stephens of Guyana and a multitude of loving St. Marks Church family.

May her soul continue to rest in God's peace.

Thursday, August 29, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

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No 5 Congregational Church

West Coast, Berbice Guyana

Rev. Rashanna Gillis, Pastor

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn #511..... “Sing The Wondrous Love of Jesus”

Prayer of Comfort Glenn Johnson

Scripture

Old Testament Psalm 1 Zelda Bailey

New Testament John 14: 1-6Evangelist Shirley Johnson

Special TributesClaude Johnson

Jessie Miranda

Zelda Bailey Kendra

Nester

Reflections..... Friends and Co-workers (2 minutes)

Hymn #450 “Blessed Assurance”

AcknowledgementSis. Nichelle Gordon-Scott

Church ResolutionLuna Mishoe

Words of Comfort..... Rev. Archie Cummings

Hymn #497 “When The Trumpet of The Lord”

EulogyRev. Vernon H. Peters, Pastor

Recessional “Soon And Very Soon”

Interment

#5 Village Cemetery

West Coast Berbice, Guyana SA

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.*

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