

In Loving Memory of



Georgia Thomas

Sunrise

May 23, 1937

Sunset

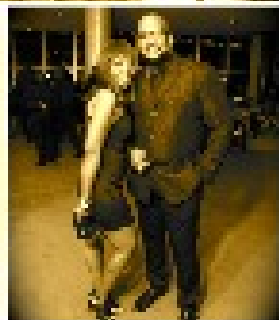
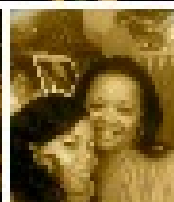
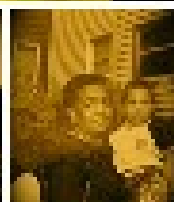
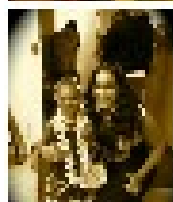
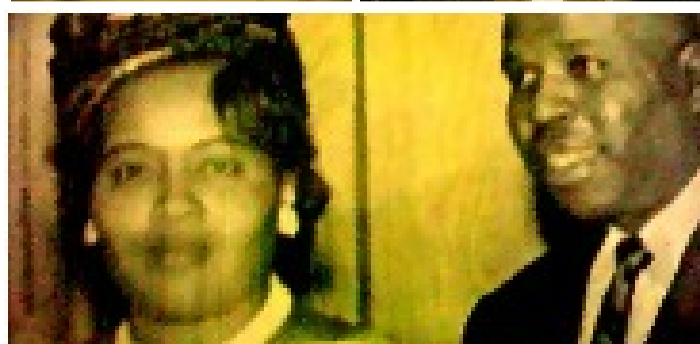
December 12, 2013

Saturday, December 21, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL SERVICES

37 Clinton Avenue • Jersey City, NJ

Reverend Rufus Vincent Strother, Officiating



Reflections of Life

Georgia Mae Rogers was born May 23, 1937 to George and Nancy Rogers Sr. (both deceased) in Lee County, South Carolina. They also gave birth to siblings Margaret Rogers (Johnson) (deceased) and George Roger Jr. (deceased) also known as Sonny. As a family, they relocated to Jersey City where siblings David Lee Rogers (deceased) and Robert Rogers were born.

Living in Booker T. Projects, where all the young growing women had a saying **“Sisters Are We From Booker T”** Georgia Mae attended Lincoln High School where she became the first African American majorette, an accomplishment she was extremely proud of. Georgia Mae was fondly known to family members by the loving name of Ginger. She was often the caretaker of every child in the family, cousins included, in her youth. Georgia excelled in art and shared that passion in high school with Benjamin Roy Thomas Jr. Georgia graduated in 1956 and two years later married Ben Roy and became Mrs. Benjamin R. Thomas Jr. from this union three children were born: Barry Roy Thomas, Basil Thomas and Bradford Thomas. Georgia and Ben Roy unfortunately divorced in 1979.

Georgia was an extremely dedicated mother and would do absolutely anything for her sons and they never required anything, Georgia Mae made sure of that. Georgia Mae was an extremely proud employee and loved her job at the Jonathan Logan up until the company relocated. Georgia Mae independently raised her three sons on Bergen Avenue in a very close family-oriented neighborhood. Eventually moving to Randolph Avenue in Jersey City.

She decided and took initiative, instead of relocating with Jonathan Logan, to become a member of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations processing unit of the Hudson County Sheriff's Department a job she also loved. Georgia was a dedicated employee and rarely missed a day's work and loved her colleagues. She would always bring her family members to work. Her sons grew up knowing each of her colleagues like they were members of the family even Captain Vincent Price who was her supervisor. Even her grandchildren would frequently visit the job as well.

Georgia Mae was unfortunately stricken with a stroke caused by her diabetes in 2008 and after spending extensive time in the hospital and physical rehabilitation instead of, as requested, retiring she went back to work in 2010. She eventually retired proudly as a member of the Sheriff's Department. She was as feisty on the day that she came into the job as the day she left serving well over 20+ years. Unfortunately her health and diabetes became a recurring issue and began to debilitate a woman who proudly had never required any assistance at all.

Georgia Mae's unwavering commitment to each one of her sons was undeniable. She might have talked a mean game but there was nothing she held higher in her eyes than each one of her sons, until the day she died. Georgia, for years, was very engaged in the political process in Jersey City and encouraged her children to respect candidates as people first in the event they displayed the qualities of the people who would entrust them to represent them in public offices. And of recent, she became a huge fan of the Mayor Steven Fulop who, every year for the last four years, would send her an annual birthday card, which simply elated her in these declining years.

Georgia Mae Thomas is survived by: her youngest brother, Robert Rogers, and by her three sons, Barry, Basil & Brad; twelve extremely loving grandchildren, six great grandchildren and a host of aunts and uncles cousins and lifelong friends as well colleagues. In addition Meryl Hayes, who for almost forty years was the daughter she'd never had and her extended family who she enjoyed visiting weekly at Nori's Beauty Salon.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 *And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

May her soul rest in eternal peace
We Love You Mom,
Basil Thomas

Order of Service

Musical SelectionHarold Sinclair Johnson
“He Has His Hands On You”

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Musical SelectionAsia Jones
“His Eyes Is On The Sparrow”

Prayer of Comfort

Musical SelectionPedro Barnes
“It Is Well With My Soul”

Condolences Cards..... Belise A. Thomas

Musical SelectionHarold Sinclair Johnson

Remarks (*2 minutes please*)

Musical SelectionBaseemah Wilson

Obituary..... Brittany A. Thomas

Musical SelectionBarbara Sharpe
“I Won’t Complain”

EulogyReverend Rufus Vincent Strother

Recessional

Private Cremation

Rosedale Crematory

Orange, New Jersey

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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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