In Loving Memory of

Roberta Thompson

September 2, 1943 - January 23, 2014

<u>Service</u> Thursday, January 30, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Martin Luther King Blvd. Newark, New Jersey *Rev. Rodney Brooks, Officiating Kellie Turner, Organist*



The Lord saw you getting tired And a cure was not to be So He put his arms around you And whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer And saw you fade away, Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay,

A golden heart stopped beating, A beautiful smile at rest, God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best.

It's lonesome here without you We miss you so each day Our lives aren't the same Since you went away.

When days are sad and lonely And everything goes wrong We seem to hear you whisper, "Cheer up and carry on."

Each time we see your picture, You seem to smile and say, "Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping, We'll meet again someday."





"My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strengthen of my heart And my portion forever."- **Psalm 73:26**

Roberta has left this earth to be in the arms of her loved ones who are waiting on her. She will be dearly missed by many. Her kindness, hospitality, generosity, humility, strength, perseverance and graciousness

shall always be remembered by every life she touched. A lady of strength and peace she knew that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

A Time To Be Born

Roberta was the seventh child born to the late Ernest and Jesse Holmes on September 2, 1943 in Newark, NJ.

Time of Enlightenment

Roberta attended Newark Public School system throughout her youth she was known as a math wiz graduating from Central High School in 1961.

A Time to Love

Roberta was united in marriage to Kenneth Thompson on July 25, 1992 and relocated to Roselle, NJ. This blended family were often gathered together for a swim in the pool, a little bid Whist or just hot dogs on the grill her favorite. With a host of kids who affectionately called her "Auntie" or "Granny".

A Time for Church and Worship

Roberta received Christ at an early age and joined Metropolitan Baptist Church where she served as an usher.

A Time to work and Serve

Roberta began her work career with New Jersey Bell, later joining the United States Postal Service where she served over thirty years of dedicated and committed service retiring as Belleville Station manager. After retirement being the hard worker that she was, she worked briefly for Hardin McKeon Law Firm, Maxon Pontiac, Roselle Borough Hall and Union Board of Education until her health began to fail.

A Time to Rest

Roberta received peace in the arms of Jesus on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at Trinitas Hospital Elizabeth, NJ surrounded by family.

A Time to Mourn

The memories of Roberta will forever be in our hearts and be cherished by: her devoted husband, Kenneth Thompson; loving daughters, Angel Barber and Tia Stewart of Newark, NJ; her dedicated brother, Lloyd Holmes (Mae) Holmes, VA; step children, Brian (Carmen) Barnes, Warren (Jeanne) Thompson, Kevin (Eva) Brooks, Marcus Jr. and Wayne Stewart; grandchildren, Isiah Barr, Shanar Barber, Kapreece Fleming and Latia Stewart. This committed grandmother, devoted auntie and big sister to some and special friend will truly be missed, but as she would say "God's got this."

Roberta was preceded in death by, her loving son, Robert Barber, Jr., four brothers, Maurice, Raymond, James and William Holmes and her Very special loving and caring sister, Margaret Holmes.

















Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort....."*The Battle Is Not Yours*" Jerome Sykes

Scripture Reading......Keisha Smith-Carrington Old Testament - Isaiah 41:9-10, 13 New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Prayer of Comfort

Solo...... "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Jerome Sykes

Reflection Period

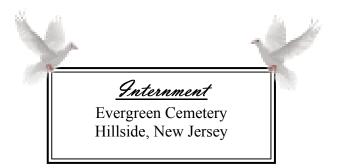
Acknowledgement and Silent Reading of Obituary

Solo

Eulogy

Parting view

Recessional



A Mother's Done

A mother's love is everlasting though the flesh is gone. The memories of joy and laughter will still live on I will always miss your

> voice and your presence I will remember all of the times we shared. Don't worry I will move on as I get in my car listening to your favorite song, "I Got Love On My Mind" - I

know life still goes on as I start my days and end my nights my mother's love will embrace me tight. Feeling your presence and knowing you're there letting me know I have nothing to fear. I will then close my eyes and squeeze real tight then I will have a good sleep.

Acknowledgement

The family of **Roberta Thompson** wishes to express with deep appreciation all acts of kindness during our time of sorrow. Your words of assurance, condolences and telegrams will always be remembered. May God bless each and every one of you. A special thanks to Patricia and Anthony Stanton, your relentless support and thoughfulness will never be forgotten.

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