

*In Loving Memory of*

*Roberta Thompson*

*September 2, 1943 - January 23, 2014*

*Service*

*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***



# *Come With Me*

*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."*

# Reflections of Life



*“My flesh and my heart fail;  
But God is the strength 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, Kaprecee 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.

*Precious Memories*



# *Order of Service*

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



*Interment*  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

# *A Mother's Love*

*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 thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.*

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