

Celebration for the Life of



Bessie Williams

July 7, 1936 - May 8, 2014

Saturday, May 17, 2014 - 8:00 am

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Bobby Moore, Sr., Officiating

Paterson Assembly of God

Rev. Katie P. McPhatter, Eulogist

Reflections of Life

Bessie Thomas-Williams and her twin Lessie Thomas-Jackson was born July 7, 1936 in Robeson County, North Carolina to the late John Foster and Katie Princess Gales Thomas.

Bessie was educated at Upchurch High School in Raeford, NC. Shortly after, she moved to Paterson, NJ. After her modeling career she worked several jobs which included Grady's and Pipkins' Restaurant here in the City of Paterson. She met many of her extended family and friends in her barmaid positions. She was a dear friend to all who knew her.

Bessie was preceded in death by her brothers, Paul, Alexander, James Wilbert, Charlie, John, Jr. and sisters, Mary, Martha, Sarah, Thelma, Emma, Ruby and her twin, Lessie.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Avery Lee Thomas; one brother, Rev. Ernest Thomas; two sisters, Estella Thomas (Clyde) McNair and Dorothy Thomas McIntyre all of Paterson, NJ; devoted uncle, Rev. Paul Thomas of Pinehurst, NC; brother-in-law, Frank Glover, Sr. of Dry Branch, GA; sisters-in-law, Minnie Thomas of Raeford, NC, June Thomas and Maggie Thomas of Paterson, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Order of Service

PreludeOrganist

Invocation Rev. Dr. Bobby Moore, Sr.
Senior Pastor, Paterson Assembly of God

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Rev. Dr. Martin Smith
Paterson Assembly of God

New Testament - John 14:1-6 Elder Keith Andrews
Paterson Assembly of God

Prayer of Comfort Elder Clarence McFadden
Paterson Assembly of God

SelectionSister Tiffanie Moultrie

Acknowledgements & RemarksDr. Jaynay Cody

Reading of the Reflections of Life Dr. Jaynay Cody

Selection Sister Tiffanie Moultrie

Eulogy Rev. Katie P. McPhatter
Millside Pentecostal Holiness Church Red Springs, NC

Interment

Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Bessie Williams** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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