

*Homegoing Service*  
*Celebrating the Life*  
*Of*



*Mother Thelma Lorraine Butler*

July 21, 1933 – September 29, 2014

Service

Sunday, October 5, 2014 ~ 6:00 p.m.

**Refreshing Springs Community Tabernacle UHC**

324 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Newark, New Jersey 07103

*District Elder Bobbie Dean Smith, Senior Pastor*

## *Life Reflections*

**Mother Thelma Lorraine Butler**, affectionately known as “Nana” or “Mom” by her family and friends, was born on July 21, 1933 in Newark, New Jersey, one of eight children born to the late Selma Green and William Green, Sr. She graduated from Barringer High School and attended Essex County College to further her education.

In the early fifties, Mother became a member of Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Newark, under the leadership of the late Bishop Howard Smith that is where she got saved. She later joined Calvary Temple in Linden under the pastorship of the late Pastor Alfred Jeffery and Pastor Bobbie Dean Smith. She found a home at the Refreshing Springs Community Tabernacle UHC in Newark under her pastor whom she loved dearly. She worked diligently on the church’s Mother, Missionary and Nursing Boards.

In 1961, she met and married Mack Butler. They were blessed with two children: Kevin and Kimberly Butler.

Mother Butler started her career as a Registered Nurse at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark. After many years of dedicated service, she worked in the same capacity at Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville, retiring in 1981.

On Monday, September 29, 2014, Mother Thelma Lorraine Butler was called to Heavenly home at the tender age of eighty-one.

She was predeceased by her husband, Mack Butler; son, Kevin Butler; seven siblings: Elizabeth, Lois, and Genevieve Green, Eunice Wood, Lillian Lewis, William and Robert Green; three nephews; and step-mother, Rev. Rosa Green.

Mother Thelma Lorraine Butler leaves to mourn precious memories, her daughter, Kimberly Butler (future son-in-law, Jesse) of Carteret, NJ; three step-sisters: Naomi Brantly, Ruth Gordan, and Priscilla Moore; two step-brothers, Jacob and Joseph Moore; five nephews; three nieces; two god-daughters: Annette Jones of Newark, NJ and Latoya Johnson of Carteret, NJ; two brothers-in-law; a special sister, Evelyn Blaine of Carteret, NJ; and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, adopted children, grandchildren of whom she loved and they loved her; and the Refreshing Springs Community Tabernacle church family.

Lovingly submitted,  
The Family

*Order Of Service*

**Refreshing Springs Community Tabernacle UHC**  
324 South Seven Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103  
District Elder Bobbie D. Smith, Senior Pastor

Music Prelude

Processional.....Clergy

Presiding.....Dr. Doretha Smith

Invocation

Selection....."It Is Well"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-7

New Testament: II Cor. 5:1-7

Prayer of Comfort.....District Elder Emmanuel Bizzell

Solo selection.....Minister Creasha McCall

Remarks (2 minutes) .....Clergy, Family and Friends

Special reflections.....Mother Board, Mother Everlyn Blaine  
Deaconess Everlyn Hood

Cards, Resolutions and Obituary.....Elder Dorothy Hanna

Solo Selection.....Minister Creasha McCall

Eulogy..... District Elder Bobbie D. Smith, Pastor

Recessional

**Interment**

Monday, October 6, 2014 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Rosehill Cemetery, Linden, New Jersey

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*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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## Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of **Mother Thelma Lorraine Butler**

### *Well Done*

*Servant of God, well done!  
Rest from thy loved employ.  
The battle fought, the victory won.  
Enter the Master's joy.  
The pains of death are past.  
Labors and sorrows cease.  
And life's long warfare closed at last.  
The soul's found in peace.*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Mother Thelma Lorraine Butler** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

A special thanks to the **Alameda Nursing Home** for all the hard work to make Thelma comfortable.

A very special thanks to our own **Elder Delores McCall** for her time, effort, food and love she showed my Mother during her illness. May God continue to bless and keep you always.

~ Your Sister,  
Kim

