

In Loving Memory of
Thelma May Jonah



Sunrise
September 8, 1927

Sunset
November 24, 2014

Tuesday, December 2, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Bishop J. Omeokwe

Bishop Marian Brooks, Officiating

Walt Sorey, Organist

May The Work I've Done Speak For Me

Verse 1

May the works I've done speak for me,
May the works I've done speak for me,
When I'm resting in my grave,
There's nothing that can to be said,
May the work I've done speak for me.

Verse 2

May the life I live speak for me.
May the life I live speak for me.
When the best I try to live
My mistakes He will forgive,
May the life I've live speak for me.

Verse 3

May the service I give speak for me
May the service I give speak for me
When I've done the best I can
and my friends don't understand
May the service I give speak for me

Chorus

The works I've done, it seems so small,
Sometimes it seems, like nothing at all.
But when I stand before my God,
I want to hear him say, "Well Done,"
May the work I've done speak for me.



Reflections of Life

Thelma May Jonah was the first of five children born to the late Mr. & Mrs. Joseph and Mariam Jonah. She was born in Kingston, Jamaica West Indies on September 8, 1927. Thelma grew up and was educated in Kingston, Jamaica.

Thelma had five children. She migrated to the United States of America in September 1981, where she worked at Holly Manor Nursing Home (Genesis Elder Care), in the Housekeeping Department, until she retired in 2000.

After retirement, she was a full-time grandmother to her grandchildren. She enjoyed all her grandchildren, but had a very close attachment to Christine (Sophia's daughter). The result of this close relationship is Thelma calling Christine "her boss" during her visits to Jamaica; she would not go unless Christine "her boss" was going with her.

In 2004, Thelma re-dedicated her life to the Lord Jesus Christ and became a very active member of Emanuel's Hope Baptist Church. She was also, consecrated as one of the "Mothers of the Church". During her declining health, she was not able to attend church, but she enjoyed watching, The Inspiration Channel, The Word Network, Jimmy Swaggart, and Trinity Broadcasting Network for her spiritual food. She would sing, read her bible, pray and lift her hands in worshipping her God.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her children, Maria, Edward, Beverley, Garfield, Sophia; her only surviving sister, Audrey Lewis and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of family members, church family and friends. She will always be lovingly remembered and truly missed by all those who have had the good fortune of knowing her.

*Sleep on Mom, Sleep on
and rest in your Savior's loving arms
He went ahead to prepare a mansion for you,
so that you will always be with Him,
Weeping is for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*

FARTHER ALONG

Verse 1

Tempted and tried, we're oft made to wonder
Why it should be thus all the day long,
While there are others living about us,
Never molested, though in the wrong.

Chorus

Farther along we'll know all about it,
Farther along we'll understand why;
Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine,
We'll understand it all by and by.

Verse 2

When death has come and taken our loved ones,
It leaves our home so lonely and drear,
Then do we wonder why others prosper
Living so wicked year after year.

Chorus

Farther along we'll know all about it,
Farther along we'll understand why;
Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine,
We'll understand it all by and by.

Verse 3

Faithful till death, said our loving Master
A few more days to labor and wait,
Toils of the road will then seem as nothing
As we sweep through the beautiful gate.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude Organist

Processional Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn “May The Work I’ve Done”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Karim Kimanyi

New Testament - St. John 11:19-27 Sophia Phillips

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Evangelist Jacqueline Dixon

Acknowledgements Pastor Donovan Dixon

Selection Pastor Marcel Brooks

Obituary Andrew Gordon

Remarks Edward Beckford

Fay Alexander

Evangelist Jacqueline Dixon

Pastor Marcel Brooks

Garfield Phillips

Sophia Phillips

Poem Beverley Phillips

Eulogy Bishop Marian Brooks

Hymn “Farther Along”

Closing Prayer Bishop J. Omeokwe

Recessional

Interment

Hollywood Cemetery
Union, New Jersey

Repast

Friends and family are invited to a repast immediately following interment at Garden State Grand Lodge
875-883 Sanford Avenue, Irvington, NJ 07111.

Rest In Peace Mom

The death of a mother is the hardest to bear
For she is the one who is there for us the most
In her life she has shown her family and friends a path to follow
Now she is resting in her Savior's embrace.
Her family and friends look forward to the day
When they will be reunited once again in heaven.

Pallbearers

Edward Beckford	Garfield Phillips
Iddi Kimanyi	Junior Beckford
Dondre Mills	Karim Kimanyi
Orrett Manderson	Andrew Gordon

At the Graveside

The Committal

Verse 1

*There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there.*

Chorus

*In the sweet in the sweet
By and by by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet in the sweet
By and by by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

Verse 2

*We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest,
And our spirits shall sorrow no more
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.*

Verse 3

*To our bountiful father above
We will offer our tribute of praise;
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days.*

In Appreciation

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. God bless each of you.

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