

Celebrating the Life of



Mary H. Thomas

Sunrise

October 17, 1935

Sunset

March 4, 2015

Service

Wednesday, March 11, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

EPHESUS SDA CHURCH

101 West 123rd Street

New York City, New York

Elder Sharlyn Beard, Officiating

Gary Samuels, Organist

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Gary Samuels

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Yvonne Ellis

New Testament - John 14:1-6 Troy Lovett

Prayer of Comfort Brenda Harris

Hymn..... "Precious Lord"

Words of Expressions (one minute please)

Obituary Sabrina Hart Carter

Hymn "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

EulogyElder Sharlyn Beard

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Cypress Hills Cemetery
Brooklyn, New York*

Reflections of Life

Mary Helen Thomas was born on October 17, 1935 in Salem, Alabama to the late Tonnie and Jessie Palmer. Mary was the oldest of seven children.

On July 10, 1951, Mary was united in marriage with the late Mitchell Thomas. Through this union two children were born, a son the late Rhondy Gerald and a daughter, Sonya Lolita. In 1953, Mary and Mitchell decided to relocate to New York City to build a better life for themselves.

Mary devoted her life to her children, whom she loved unconditionally. Mary was soft spoken and always greeted you with a smile and a “hi baby”. Mary had a unique passion for children which led her to accept a position as an Assistant Teacher. After working for many years at Public School 186 she decided to make a career change and went to work for Equitable Life Insurance, where she worked until she retired.

Mary was a sport fan, but only for New York teams she also enjoyed wrestling. Even though she loved sports she was a greater fan of the Lord. Mary was a member of Southern Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board. Another one of Mary passions was cooking, she was known for her “Sunshine Chicken” by her friends and neighbors especially at the annual 143rd Street Block party. Mary resided on his block for over fifty years and could always be found standing on the stoop in nice weather greeting people with a smile and a sweet soft spoken word.

Mary was preceded in death by her brother, (Tyrone), two sisters, (Dorothy and Bernice) and her son (Rhondy). She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Sonya; three grandchildren, Gerard, Rhondy, Jr. and Lauren; two great grandchildren, Taniah and Gerald, Jr.; two sisters, Frances Simmons and Yvonne Ellis; one brother, Jessie Palmer (Johnnie); one brother-in-law, John Thomas; one sister-in-law, Helen Davis; her godchildren, Steven Mitchell, Kareem, Dan and Monique and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



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

Together Again

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation
and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to
them in their time of sorrow.*

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