

Celebrating The Life of
Sally Grimsley Tharpe

Sunrise

January 21, 1924

Sunset

June 6, 2015



Friday, June 12, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

WOODY "HOME FOR SERVICES"

163 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Dr. James Johnson, Officiating
Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

Sally Grimsley Tharpe was born January 21, 1924 in Halesburg, Alabama to the late William and Panola Grimsley. She was a resident of New Jersey since the age of two.

Sally was a graduate of East Orange High School and received a Bachelor's Degree from Morgan State University. She was employed in New York City before the many dedicated years of service to the NJ Division of Social Services in Newark, NJ from where she retired.

Always a generous and caring person, Sally devotedly cared for her mother Panola and her Aunts: Pearl, Arlene and Irene. Her caring attitude extended towards her family and friends, always providing support and love. She became the family matriarch.

Sally's energy was boundless. Her participation in sports and social activities began at a young age. Most recently, she was a member of the: Garden and Social Committees at her co-op; was a dedicated volunteer at NJPAC (1998 - 2015) and volunteered at the Bethel Baptist after school program. She loved a good game of bridge and belonged to a long-standing bridge club. Sally traveled extensively and loved to read.

Sally was a gracious hostess who entertained beautifully. In the past year she enjoyed spending time with her brother Harvey, who recently moved back to NJ, cooking for him and spending holidays with him.

Sally passed on June 6, 2015, she was preceded in death by her older brother, Preston and is survived by: her brother, Harvey Grimsley; nieces, Nancy Moore, Joann Nichols and Lisa Grimsley; nephews, Peter Grimsley, Scott Grimsley and John Williams, Jr.; uncles, Monte Irvin and Calvin Irvin; great nieces, Talana, Bethany, Amanda, Tia and Kaya; great nephew, Robert; great-great niece, Kayla; great-great nephew, Elijah; cousins, Helen, Pam, Debbie, Milton Jr., Beverly, Karen, Darryl, Pia, Bobby, Patti, Michelle, and Michael. She will be missed by many of her friends especially by her closest and dearest friends, Barbara and John Williams, Sr., Mrs. Lillian White, Mrs. Anne Beckett and Mrs. Goldie Burbage.

Sally's love of God sustained her, and she most recently worshipped at Elmwood Presbyterian Church. She was an angel to many and will be missed by us all.

Thank you for your love and guidance Aunt Sally. You have shown us the way. Thank you for the faith you have had in us. May we honor you by living lives that will make you proud.

Love your nieces and nephews

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Myron Smith

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. James Johnson

Scripture Readings

 Old Testament - Psalm 1:1-6.....Darryl Frasier

 New Testament - John 14:1-6.....Joann Nichols

Solo.....“Precious Lord”Tyrone Dunlap

Remarks.....Family and Friends - Two Minutes Please

Acknowledgements.....Goldie Burbage

Obituary.....To Be Read Silently

Solo..... “Total Praise”Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. James Johnson
Peaceful Zion Baptist Church
East Orange, New Jersey

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment

*Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey*

Repast

*Immediately following the Interment family and friends
are invited for a repast at
377 South Harrison St.
Community Room
East Orange, New Jersey*

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Pall Bearers

Peter Grimsley Robert Irvin
John Williams, Sr. John Williams, Jr.
Darryl Frasier

Acknowledgement

The family wants to thank everyone for their kindness, love and support. We ask that you honor her spirit by following in her footsteps by volunteering and giving back to your community.

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