

*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
*Juanita C. Thomas*

**Sunrise**  
**November 12, 1936**



**Sunset**  
**July 30, 2016**



*Friday, August 5, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.*

**PEACEFUL ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**213 Rhode Island Avenue**  
**East Orange, New Jersey**  
*Rev. Johnson, Officiating*

*Order of Service*

**“LETS GET IT ON DON’T YOU KNOW  
HOW WONDERFUL LIFE CAN BE”**

Organ Prelude/ Family Entrance

Musical Selection.....Sharlene McLaughlin - Nelson

Prayer Comfort .....Rev. Dwight Gill – New Hope Baptist Church

Reading of Scripture.....Psalm 23

Praise Dance.....Niece – Stephanie Kelly – “The Storm Is Over”

Reading of Scripture..... Psalm 27

Tributes and Remarks..... Please keep remarks to 2 minutes

Acknowledgements..... PZBC –Lillian McDonald

Reading of the Obituary .....Barbara Christmas

Musical Selection.....Sharlene McLaughlin – Nelson

Eulogy.....Rev Dr. James A. Johnson  
Senior Pastor Peaceful Zion Baptist Church

Recessional

**INTERMENT/EARTHLY RESTING PLACE**

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey

**Pall Bearers:**

Dennis Green           William Green  
Shawn Green           Cary Robinson  
Nakia McConnell      Mikel Hankerson  
Ricky Fullerton

**Repast:**

Immediately following the interment family and friends  
are invited for a repast at Church.

## Obituary

# Juanita “Tootsie” Thomas Celebration of Life

**Juanita “Tootsie” Thomas** was born on November 12, 1936 in Garrison, WV. She graduated from Garnet High School in Charleston, WV. She met her one and only love at the age of 12. They married on February 8, 1956, and moved to East Orange, NJ where she settled in and started her family. Despite only giving birth to two children, she was a mother to many. Tootsie was a member of Peaceful Zion Baptist Church for over 50 years, where she was a member of the Friendship Club, Willing Workers Club, Virginia Day Committee and the Usher Board. She loved her church home and serving God. Tootsie worked at Tender Loving Care (TLC) Day Care Center for over 35 years where she was a dedicated employee and she loved the kids, even the ones she would pinch (hhmmp).

Juanita loved to be with her family, where they partied hard. And often sung “Let’s Get It On” by Marvin Gaye. Tootsie was also a big fan of Marvin Sease and ZZ Hill. She loved to eat and travel (and in that order). Her family would often refer to her as the “Original OG” AKA “Murda”. Tootsie was a great fighter and had more strength and courage than most. She fought an amazing fight and we are so proud of her. After an extended illness, she was called home on July 30, 2016 to be with the Lord and to join her husband of 31 years.

She leaves to mourn her two children Robin Thomas (East Orange, NJ) and Melody (Todd) Scott (Irvington, NJ); her sister Loretta (Thomas) Johnson (Charlotte, NC); one sister-in-law, Marie Bankston (Beckley, WV); one brother in law, Joe Louis Thomas (East Orange, NJ); one grandson, Rashad Thomas; three great grandchildren, Amarri Thomas, Tahmir Thomas, Xyaile “Pocket” Thomas and a host of nieces, nephews and loved ones.

Juanita was preceded in death by her parents, Hazel Cheese and Skelton Ray; her first and only love, Robert Thomas; and 11 of 12 her siblings: Esther (Burke) Hughes (Norfolk, Va), Geneveive “Ginnie” (Luther) Simms (Charleston, WV); Sharlene “Shy” (Archie) Corbitt (Charleston) Robert Sonny “Bobby” (Adele) Nelson (NY); Glenroy (Anola) Perkins (Charleston, WV); William “Blue” Ray (Cleveland, OH); Dorothy “Dottie”(Daniel) Green (Charleston) Rudolph “Rudy” (Anna) Ray (Charleston, WV) Chester (Gladys) Ray (McDowell County, WV) Alice Ray (Garrison, WV) Skelton (Genevieve) Ray (Charleston).

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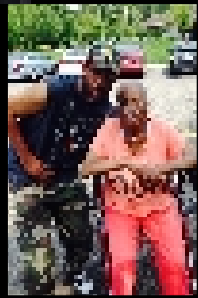
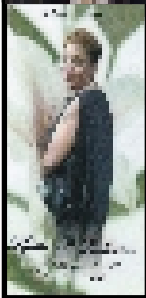
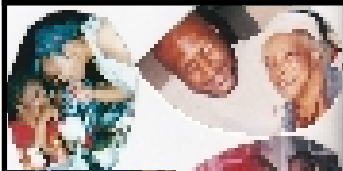
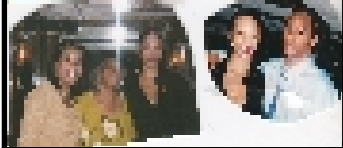
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*Lasting*



*Memories*

*Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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