

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Marian Thomas

Sunrise

October 27, 1938

Sunset

September 22, 2026



Service

Saturday, October 17, 2026 • 11:30 a.m.

Elmendorf Reformed Church

171 East 121st Street • New York, NY

Officiant: Reverend Kelvin A. Spooner, Pastor

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Sentences/Invocation Rev. Kelvin A. Spooner

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament – Psalm 23:1-6 Minister Annette Smith-Scarlett

New Testament – John 14:1-6.....Rev. Mornier Rich

Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Elder Louis Earl Sessoms

Prayer of Comfort Elder Rev. Jimmie Williams

Musical Selection Pastor Joshua Brown

Reflection Rev. Kelvin A. Spooner

Obituary Keisha Thomas

Acknowledgements Kevin Thomas

Musical Selection Emmett Tross

Eulogy Rev. Allen Manning

Commendation Rev. Kelvin A. Spooner

Final Viewing

Committal/Benediction Rev. Kelvin A. Spooner

Recessional

Cremation

All Souls Crematory
East Elmhurst, NY

Obituary

Marian Anderson Thomas was born on October 27, 1938, at Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx, New York, to the proud parents of Percy Anderson and Lucy Percy Anderson.

Marian grew up surrounded by her large family. She was the youngest of thirteen children. Marian was affectionately known as Nana or Aunt Marian by her family.

Marian attended a New York City high school, from which she graduated. She worked as a School Aide at P.S. 142 Amalia Castro for the New York City Department of Education from 1970 to 2005 before retiring.

Marian met and married the love of her life, Theodore Thomas Sr., at the age of seventeen, and their union was blessed. Marian was a loving and devoted mother to her three children: Theodore Thomas Jr., Doreen Thomas, and Kevin Thomas.

Marian lived with her family in Wagner Houses from 1959 to 2026. She was a pillar of her community, with strong social connections and a deep sense of belonging. Marian served as a member of the tenant patrol, where her views and ideas for the future of her community came to life. She enjoyed conversing with her many friends from the neighborhood and her building. Marian never missed a Wagner Day Cookout event, where she showcased her love for cooking and the togetherness of family and friends.

Marian was a deeply caring, generous, and loving person who cherished her family above all else. She had an eye for style and impeccable taste in fashion. She took pride in her appearance and took pleasure in pampering herself. Marian was very funny; she would often joke about “getting the belt” or use one of her favorite sayings, “If you don’t get yourself together, I’m going to wring your neck!” whenever her children or grandchildren got out of line. She was very headstrong and affectionate. She kept in touch with everyone in her life and always ended every conversation with “I love you!”

Marian traveled near and far to be in the company of loved ones. Some of her adventures included trips to Las Vegas, Niagara Falls, Florida, the Bahamas, Maryland, and Virginia.

When at home, “Nana” loved watching her soap operas and daytime television shows, some of which included Days of Our Lives, Dancing with the Stars, The Bachelor, and being the judge and jury in Judge Judy’s courtroom.

Marian loved fellowshiping at Elmendorf Reformed Church with her daughter Doreen, granddaughter Cadidra, and great-granddaughter Breanna.

Marian departed this life peacefully on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at the age of 87, at Harlem Hospital, surrounded by loved ones. Marian lived well, laughed often, and loved deeply. Though she has left this world, her legacy, love, generosity, and spirit will remain a guiding light for our family. She will be greatly cherished, remembered, missed, and forever in our hearts.

Marian leaves to mourn and cherish fond memories of a legacy of love and faith her three beloved children, Theodore Jr., Doreen, and Kevin; her twelve grandchildren, Lanette Thomas, Tasha Soyeka Roberts, Cadidra Thomas, Kevin Smith, Maurice Frazier, Keisha Thomas, Laquan Thomas, Gilbert Matthew Vasquez Jr., Kelvin Thomas, Desire Taro, Mercedes Thomas, and Jeremiah Thomas; and her nine great-grandchildren, Tanaja Roberts, Taniya Roberts, Breanna Gietzel, Jade Smith, Maurice Frazier Jr., Nolan Davis, Nola Davis, Warren, Hunter, and Evangeline; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

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

Acknowledgements

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the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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