

In Loving Memory of



Thelma Denise Butler

Sunrise

June 4, 1921

Sunset

November 17, 2017

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

**JEHOVAH-JIREH PRAISE
AND WORSHIP CHURCH CENTER**

505 S 15th Street • Newark, New Jersey

Bishop Rudy V. Carlton, Pastor

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection Jehovah-Jireh Praise &
Worship Church Center Music Ministry

Remarks

Acknowledgement

/Resolutions/Reading of Obituary Elder Julia Feacher

Family Reflections (2 Minutes)

Sermonic Selection JJPWCC Music Ministry

Eulogy Bishop Rudy V. Carlton
Jehovah-Jireh Praise and Worship Church Center
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Recessional Clergy and Family

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Montclair, New Jersey

Repast

after interment all are welcome to return to the church for the repast

Obituary

THELMA DENISE BUTLER was born on June 4, 1921 to the late Thomas Smith, Sr. and Ethel Odel Elam-Smith in Charlotte County, Virginia, where she also received her formal education. Thelma Denise Butler entered her eternal rest on Friday, November 17, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband James; four sisters, Ethel Oretha Smith, Lavelette Alexander, Jane Smith and Doris McDonald; three brothers, John Smith, Jr., Alphonso Smith and Sylvester Smith.

THELMA relocated to New Jersey and eventually settled in Montclair, where she later married the love of her life, Mr. James Butler. To this union, a son James Stephen was born. Thelma worked at various enterprises, but was happiest when she could help others. To that purpose, she became a Licensed Practical Nurse. Although Nursing was her vocation, baking was her passion. She was well known throughout Montclair as the “Cake Lady”. Serving on the Essex County Board of Elections in Montclair for 51 years, she worked as late as November 7th of this year in the General Election.

Mother Butler originally united with an Episcopal church in Montclair, but eventually united with Jehovah-Jireh Praise and Worship Church Center in Newark, New Jersey. As with everywhere she went, her “tell it like it is attitude” caused people to fall in love with her. She served as a Church Mother until she dutifully answered the Lord’s call on Friday, November 17th .

The Life, Love and Legacy of **Mother Thelma Denise Butler** will forever remain in the heart of her loving son, James (Shirley); daughter Julia Mitchell; grand-daughters, Hasana Butler, Kim Leftwich, Maxine Leftwich (deceased) and Jaimie Lockett; grand-sons, Deon Moore and Norman Leftwich; a host of other great grand-children; two sisters, Lelia Johnson and Vondora Smith; one brother-in-law John McDonald; special nieces Inez (Larry) Kirkland and Vanessa Jessie; and a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives 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!*

Acknowledgement

The Family of the late Thelma Denise Butler would like to thank all of the many family and friends for their kindness and expressions of love during our time of bereavement. We are indeed grateful for the many cards, calls, visitations and prayers. Special thank you to Bishop Rudy V. and Lady Linda L. Carlton and the entire Jehovah-Jireh Praise & Worship Church Center Family; the Staff at Home Away from Home Senior Center; and her caring Nursing Team at Clara Maas, Gigi and Letty.

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