

In Loving Memory



Thelma Pope

Sunrise: October 24, 1919

Sunset: January 2, 2021

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Douglas L. Williams III, Officiating

Zion Hill Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Thelma Pope, 101, formerly of Newark, New Jersey, passed away on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at the Brakeley Park Care in Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

Thelma was born on October 24, 1919 in Glenwood, Georgia. She was the second child born to the late Mr. Alex and Mrs. Eunice (nee Wright) Williams. Her parents relocated the family to Newark, New Jersey when Thelma was a youngster. She was educated in the Newark school system and graduated from Girls Vocational High School.

Thelma married the late Milledge Pope in 1941 and of this union four children were born. Their marriage ended in divorce however, she was blessed to meet the late Freddie B. Tanks, her soul mate. Through this union, Thelma was blessed with her son, Jeffrey Tanks.

Thelma worked as a Floor Supervisor for the Aristocrat Leather Company for many years before retiring.

Thelma's children have many warm and loving childhood memories. She would often sing to them, take them on picnics and exercise in the living room while watching her favorite soap opera. Thelma would make mother/daughter dresses for her girls and take them "downtown" to shop. She enjoyed taking her children to the movies, cooking wonderful meals for them and just simply engaging them in heartfelt conversations. Thelma loved her children unconditionally but also had time to enjoy trips to Bear Mountain, playing the slot machines and strolling the boardwalk in Atlantic City and listening to music. One of her favorite songs was "A Lighter Shade of Pale" by Procol Harum.

Thelma was a strong woman of conviction. She was stubborn and "took no tea for the fever". If she gave you THE LOOK, you knew that you were in trouble.

Thelma was a longtime congregant of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. She loved God and believed in the power of prayer. She never complained and had a great demeanor.

Thelma is predeceased by her parents Alex and Eunice Williams, her brother Lorenzo Williams and sister Millie Hall. She is survived by her children Peggy Moore (Clay – deceased), Laraine Vines (Dennis), Deidre Pope, Kenneth Pope, Jeffrey Tanks (Sharon), sister Grace Lowery (Douglas – deceased), sister-in-law Barbara Williams (Lorenzo – deceased), 30 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, 4 great great grandchildren and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Hymn..... “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Scripture ReadingDeidre Pope, Daughter

Old Testament - Psalms 23

New Testament - John 14: 1-6

Revelations 21: 3-5

Prayer of ComfortRev. Clarence Smith

Zion Hill Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

Remarks and Reflections.....Family and Friends

Obituary..... Jeff Tanks, Son

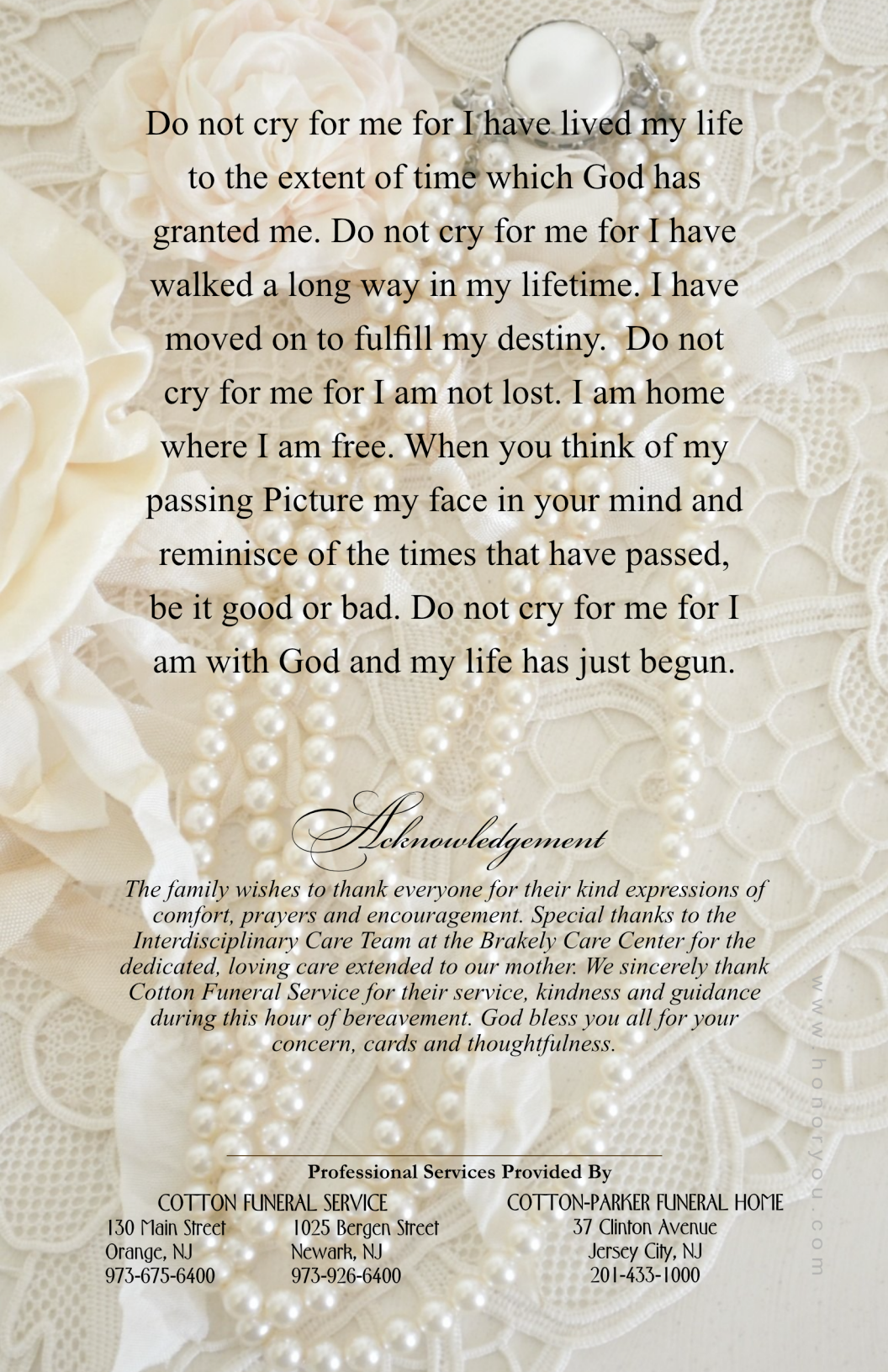
Selection..... “Precious Memories”

EulogyRev. Douglas L. Williams III

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Recessional “When We All Get To Heaven”





Do not cry for me for I have lived my life
to the extent of time which God has
granted me. Do not cry for me for I have
walked a long way in my lifetime. I have
moved on to fulfill my destiny. Do not
cry for me for I am not lost. I am home
where I am free. When you think of my
passing Picture my face in your mind and
reminisce of the times that have passed,
be it good or bad. Do not cry for me for I
am with God and my life has just begun.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank everyone for their kind expressions of comfort, prayers and encouragement. Special thanks to the Interdisciplinary Care Team at the Brakely Care Center for the dedicated, loving care extended to our mother. We sincerely thank Cotton Funeral Service for their service, kindness and guidance during this hour of bereavement. God bless you all for your concern, cards and thoughtfulness.

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