

In Loving Memory of



Anna Rebecca Thomas

Sunrise
June 12, 1920

Sunset
January 21, 2021

Saturday, February 6, 2021- 9am

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

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Pastor Peter Jones, Officiating

Reflections

Anna Rebecca Thomas was born on June 19, 1930 in Harlem, New York to George and Rebecca Thomas. Born into a big family, Anna was the third youngest sibling out of nine children. During her early school years, Anna attended St. Benedict's and Julia Howe Ward Junior High School. She graduated from Commerce High School in 1950 and began working various jobs to support herself. Anna knew that she wanted more than a job but a career. She pursued her life's endeavor to become a Civil Service Worker with the Bureau of Child Welfare of New York City. She worked in the Records Department and retired after 30 years. After retirement, Anna continued to pursue new interests. She worked part time as a Test Proctor for Civil Service Exams and Poll Worker for the New York City Board of Elections over the years.

Anna was a sweet, kind and fun loving person. She enjoyed dancing and spent time stomping at the famous Savoy Manor and Roseland Ballroom. Anna always made time to pursue her hobbies. She had a love of sewing, making new outfits sometimes without patterns. She also loved making dolls out of old pillow cases. Anna was very skilled, talented and a creator of ART (just like her initials). She loved to sketch portraits of anything or anyone that caught her eye. Anna loved to read. She read the Daily News to keep up to date on current events and romance novels. Anna spent time exploring the world through travel which included cruises and day trips to Atlantic City. She also loved to play the numbers. Anna loved the Harlem Community and attended events around town from music concerts throughout the parks, parades, and famous soul food restaurants. Anna had a love of food and received her fill. Anna was a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church where she attended regularly.

Anna was a dedicated mother first and foremost to her two children Howard and Annette. She always wanted what was best for them. Anna loved spending time with her children. She could be seen spending weekends taking them to various places throughout New York City: museums, Coney Island, the zoo (both Central Park and the Bronx Zoo), and Radio City to attend their performances. She loved to dress her children up and made sure they were always clean and neat for school, special occasions and church every Sunday. Anna also enjoyed preparing meals for her family. She always went to the Cellar at Macy's Department Store to purchase hams and roast beef for her festive holiday meals or even a simple Sunday dinner. Anna was also a doting grandmother and loved spending time with her three grandchildren. Anna was such a giving person. She would not hesitate to give to someone in need.

On January 20th, 2021, Anna Rebecca Thomas transitioned to be with the Lord in his Everlasting Kingdom. She is survived by: her brother, Vincent Thomas and sister-in-law, Carolyn Thomas; her son, Howard Thomas; her daughter, Annette Thomas-Prince and son-in-law, Mainert Prince; her granddaughters, Monique Thomas and Kristen Douthit; grandson, Kobe Prince; and a host of nieces, great nieces and nephews. At 90 years old, Anna lived a full and happy life. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

John 14:1-3

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

“Amazing Grace”

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Scripture Readings

Pastor Peter Jones

Prayer

Pastor Peter Jones

Selection

“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Poem

“A Mother’s Garden”

Annette Thomas-Prince

Obituary

Kristen Douthit

Selection

“Going Up Yonder”

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Eulogy

Pastor Peter Jones

Committal

Pastor Peter Jones

Viewing

Recessional

INTERMENT:

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Weep Not For Me

Weep not for me though I have gone
Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet flight

I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years

There is no pain, I suffer not
The fear is now all gone
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In your memory I live on

Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death
But celebrate my life

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Family Acknowledgement

The family of Anna Rebecca Thomas wishes to express our sincere thanks to all who supported us in our time of grief and sorrow whether by prayer, words of support, sympathy, encouragement and by your attendance here today. Your love and care has been a tremendous source of comfort to us all. May God Continue to Bless You.

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