

A Celebration of the Life of:



Muriel Estella Thomas

December 28, 1943- February 1, 2021

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Viewing: 10:30am- 11:30am

Service: 11:30am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Officiant: David Martin

Obituary
Muriel Estella Thomas
1943-2021

Muriel Estella Thomas was born on December 28, 1943 in Tortola, British Virgin Islands to Esmeralda Brathwaite and Joseph Thomas.

Her father was a man of many trades and skills such as carpentry and masonry and her mother was a homemaker. Her mother passed away when Muriel was about 8 months old and she was raised by her grandmother and a host of amazing aunts.

Muriel was the last child of Esmeralda and Joseph Thomas.

She is predeceased by her sister Elvera Brooks and her brothers Joseph Thomas Jr. (Junie) and Elmo Thomas.

Muriel was an active member of the New York City Church of Christ since her baptism on July 27, 1986.

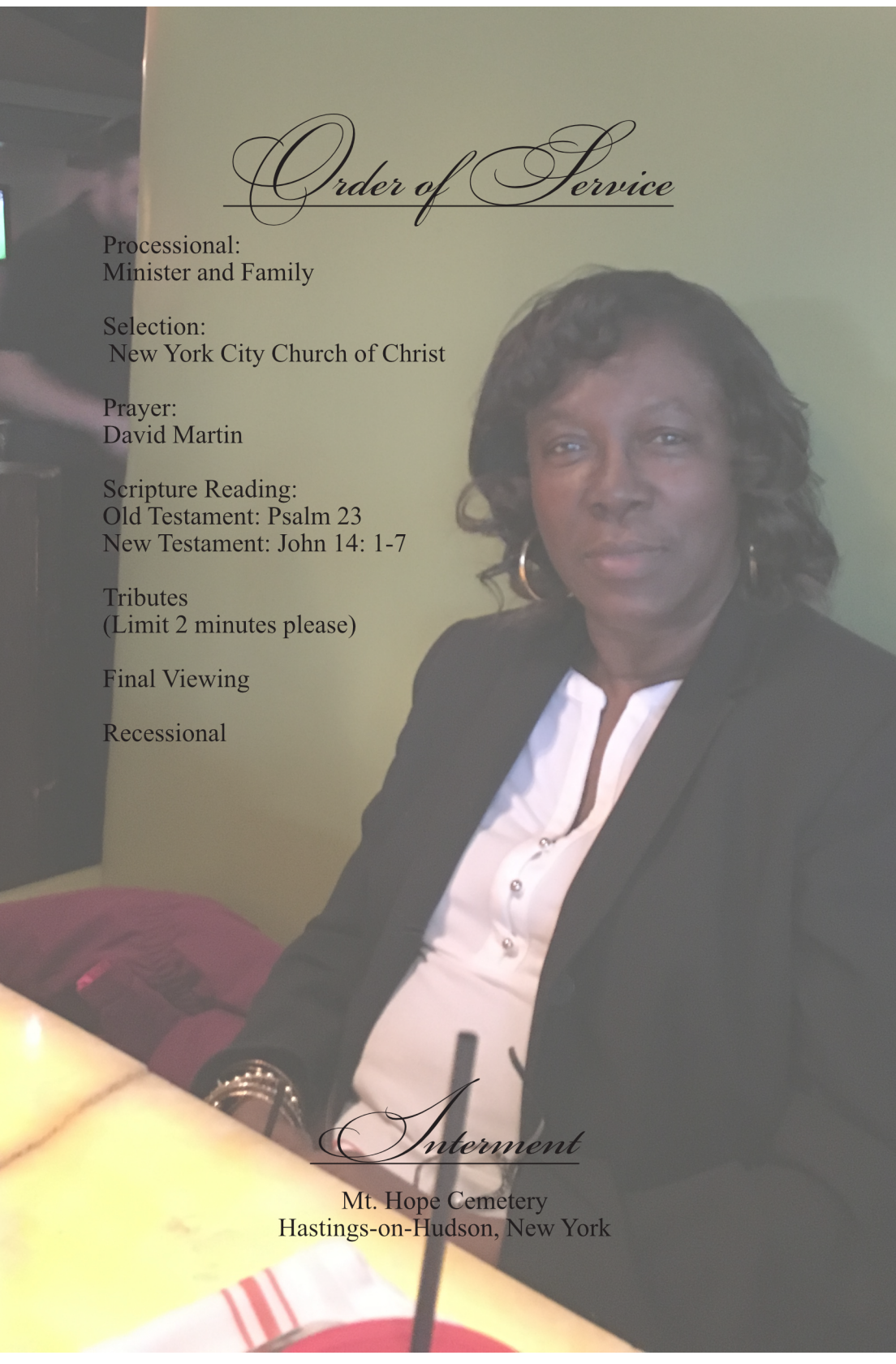
Her interests included family, cooking, sewing, and reading. She devoted much of her time and energy as a caregiver to family members, friends, and children in her daycare, an occupation she took up after retiring from the Royal Bank of Canada as a banker.

Ms. Thomas is survived by her sisters Eldra Thomas, Beulah Thomas, Cynthia Trotman, Jenice Thomas, Angela Thomas, and brothers Roy Thomas, Kenneth Thomas, and Milford Thomas, 2 daughters Arleen Phillips and Jenel Miller, 3 grandchildren Alphonse Ramsey (and his wife Jessica Chin-Ramsey), Taylor Phillips, and Krista Wright, nieces Lavern Penn, April Brooks, Charlese Brooks, nephew Mark Brooks, a host of nieces and nephews from her other siblings, and many cousins and friends.

The impact Muriel has made on the lives of those with whom she came in contact, including members of her family-in-Christ, has been tremendous. Her personality was such that attracted others to her.

Muriel left her earthly home and now rests in the arms of her Heavenly Father. She will never be forgotten by those who loved her dearly.

Rest In Peace. Take your long deserved and peaceful rest. We love you forevermore.



Order of Service

Processional:
Minister and Family

Selection:
New York City Church of Christ

Prayer:
David Martin

Scripture Reading:
Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: John 14: 1-7

Tributes
(Limit 2 minutes please)

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Mt. Hope Cemetery
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

Tributes:

Murie,

I will always remember your calm spirit and kind heart. My biggest memory of you is the time we spent together during my college breaks. When I came to the U.S for college it was my first time away from home. I didn't know anyone in Delaware but I knew that I had a sister in New York that I could call on. I knew that I had family no matter how far I was from home.

Over the years life took us in different directions. I'm very grateful that I got the chance to see you one more time in Florida. Needless to say, that was one of the highlights of the trip and I will be forever grateful that I got the opportunity to see you one last time.

Take your place with the angels. REST IN PEACE SIS. We Love you.
~Cynthia and family

Murie,

We did not grow up in the same house but we always lived as we should have, like brother and sister. I remember going to Diamond on Sundays and visiting with you all. Whenever we had time to spend time together it was always a great and wonderful experience. One thing that stands out for me is when I was in Kilmer, New Jersey. I went to New York on the weekends and you treated me extremely well. I am happy that I had a chance to spend time with you, when I was in New York in 2019. Again, you treated Linda & I very well. Thank you for being the beautiful person you were.

~Rest in Peace,
Your loving brother & sister in Law
Ken & Linda

Aunt Murie,

I have heard of you all my life but the first time I remember meeting you was several years ago. You treated Mani & I so well. You made me feel as though I had been around you my entire life. Thank you for fitting a lifetime into a few short years. We will definitely miss you.

Love always,
~Tamra & Mani

My condolences to Arlene, Jenel and the grandchildren.

Being the youngest, I did not have the pleasure of being in Muriel's presence as I was growing up. It was pleasurable connecting with her in my adulthood and those memories will endure. I will remember her as a pleasant, mild mannered, soft spoken person who was always with a smile. Until we meet again.
~Your sister, Angela

Murie, you were the epitome of what my "big sister" would be if I could have chosen one! As we grew older you were my constant presence. Your love for God was catching! Your love for your family was a blessing to observe. I will miss you being there to help me understand the Bible as it is written.

I Love you and I know we'll meet again. To God be the glory for the making of you.
~Cousin Jewel H.

My Dear Friend,
From the moment I met you, we had an instant connection. I knew that you were placed in my life by our Heavenly Father to be my partner in the Gospel. You were a faithful, devoted and loving friend. You lovingly corrected and trained many of us with the use of your bible and your prayer life was one to be imitated.

Your love and devotion to God and your family were quite evident to all. You have successfully completed your race. Rest in peace my friend.

~Your dear friend, Doreen H.

To the family and friends, I would like to say that a dear member of the family has gone on to be with her LORD which she loved. In times like these we need to pray because a loving member is in a better place now. So we who remain, let us prepare to meet her in Heaven. Family, let us love one another so we all can see her again. Children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, sisters, brothers, cousins, and friends, please prepare to meet her on the other side of life that is in Heaven. GOD bless us as we grieve our loss.

~Muriel's brother in law, Anthony B.

Dear Aunt Murie,
I will always love you. I will miss you forever. Until we meet again. Take care of Mom.

~Your niece April B.

To my loving Aunt Muriel,
You meant the world to me. You took me in when I was very young and helped my Mom, your sister, with me. You've been my rock. When Mom passed away, you became my aunt and my mom. I can always depend on you for anything.

Now you have gone home to be with your Father in Heaven. I will miss you dearly. I miss every morning and every night talking to you on the phone. I miss the sound of your laughter and your voice. Rest in Heavenly Peace, My dearest auntie Muriel. You will never be forgotten. Love You.

~Your niece, Lavern P.

Dear Auntie Muriel,
You were a loving and caring Aunt. Your laughter was infectious, your smile pure, and kind, your love was everlasting. We are going to miss that. You loved kids so much that you opened up a daycare establishment in your home. You had so much patience and we loved that, especially for all those kids. You always remained calm, cool, and collected, and always had advice to give and a lending ear to hear, or a hand to help, putting others before yourself. Amaya thanks you for being there for her. We all miss you dearly.

God, here comes another angel. SIP Auntie Muriel.

~Your niece, Charlese B.

Muriel was a very loving person. She always welcomed me into her home and treated me as family. She was such a positive person who was always willing to support us however she could. When I had my son and had to return to work, it was hard to find Daycare. I didn't trust anyone to watch him. Muriel was willing to take him into her Daycare. She was his Auntie, Grandma, and teacher. I will never forget her. She was a breath of fresh air to me within the Family.

~Johanne B.

I remember my dad taking me to Auntie Murie's house every day. I had fun with her and she made the best oatmeal.

~Mark Anthony Jr.

Auntie Murie was a very supportive Aunt.
~Damona B.

Auntie Murie was a very loving person.
~Dymon B.

Auntie Murie was a great person. I'm very thankful for her and all she did.
~Jewell B.

Dear Aunt Murie,
You were more than just an aunt to me my whole life. I was your nephew-son. If anyone can quiet a storm, it was you, my dear aunt.

Rest In Peace. Love you always.
~Your nephew-son Mark B.

As my mom and I were talking about your passing, our beloved cousin, my Mom shared how you were the first person to welcome her into the family. Your sweet, loving and warm personality truly made my Mom feel welcomed.

Right before my Dad transitioned, he kept asking for you. When you came to his bedside, it gave him permission to let go. That spoke volumes of the bond that you two shared since childhood.

You have always been just a phone call away. I will always cherish your love for us. We will miss you terribly, but we find comfort in knowing that you are no longer in pain and are resting with the Lord.

Sleep in heavenly peace our dear cousin.
~Annie and Tonya B.

To the family of Muriel Ware. We were so very shocked to hear of the passing of our dear, dear cousin, Muriel. However we do take great comfort in knowing that she loved our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will truly miss her sweet, kind and gentle spirit. Just know that God will carry you through as you trust in His promises, He will never leave you nor forsake you. And He has promised us that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. She will be sorely missed but her quiet spirit will always remain in our hearts.
~The Turnbull Family

Dear Mom,
I miss you so much. You were the best Mom on the planet. I always knew that I was loved. Lots of people loved you, because you loved people the way God does. I'm sad that I won't see you or talk to you face to face now, but I am so grateful that God gave us time with you. I'm so happy that you are no longer struggling or in pain. It was so hard for me to see you in the hospital like that. I'm happy that you are with God. I know that He is taking care of you. Maybe He fixed your favorite meals like Fish and Rice, or Callaloo. I love you! Don't worry about us! Be happy...
~Love Arleen

Grandma,
Thank you Grandma for being a shining example of love and compassion!
~Love, Alphonse Darnell A.K.A. Poop

Grandma,
Thank you for being the BEST Grandma one could ever have. You took such good care of me as a child and always.
~Love, Taylor

Dear Mom,

You were the Yin to my Yang and such a great inspiration to so many of us. You shared your life so willingly with others and the joy you brought us will never ever end or be forgotten. Thank you for always making me feel loved. One day we will be together again. Though we miss you immensely, we know that you are with God and with those who have gone on before you. Have a great time getting to know your Mom and spending time with your loved ones. Thank you for being a great Mom and a wonderful, nurturing Grandma... for being soft spoken yet strong. Sleep in peace my beautiful mother. Love you forever and ever.

~Love, Jenel

Dear Grandma,

I miss you so much. I wish that you were here to see some of my new toys (Yes, I got another toy!). I pray that you are happy and still reading your Bible in Heaven. Have fun in church service with God. It must be amazing!

~Love, Krista

Precious Memories





Thanks and Appreciation:

**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 friends could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us this day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.**

-The Family

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