

In Loving Memory of



Eleanor Thomas

May 5, 1932 - March 3, 2021

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Eleanor Thomas was born to Fannie Mae and Henry Calier on May 5th 1932 in Rockaway Beach, New York. As a teenage she became baptized and joined Mt. Carmel Baptist Church under Reverend Raspberry. In 1949, Eleanor graduated from Sarah J. Hale High School in Brooklyn, New York and after dedicatedly working a variety of jobs, eventually moving to Hollis Queens.

While living in Hollis at the home of Dollie Mae and Sway Hill she met and later married Sway's nephew Russell Thomas and soon after they moved to Newark, NJ where from this union Russell (Kent) Thomas was born.

During this time Eleanor worked in a manufacturing plant in Elizabeth, NJ but Kent didn't know where she worked, so it was easy to convince Kent if he didn't behave that Santa wasn't going to come. Later on Kent found out that his mother worked in the Topper Toy Plant, which manufactured all of his favorite toys and he knew it wasn't Santa but even better it was from his loving mother.

In August of 1972 after moving into their home located in East Orange which would be her home of almost 50 years. Eleanor started visiting a myriad of churches looking for a spiritual home. Her search ended when a friend suggested she visited Congregational Baptist Church which was Pastored by the late Reverend Eugene Walker and Eleanor was truly happy.

After working at the Colber Corporation for almost 25 years Eleanor retired when the company moved to Mexico giving her 2 months vacation to complete her full 25 years. The first conversation she had with her son when asked did she want to go on vacation Eleanor said "not if I have to fly to get there!" Needless to say that ended particular conversation, so in retirement she loved and cherished her family, doted on her grandchildren and enjoyed serving the Lord all the while baking her famous Lemon cake to which she swore her son to secrecy while also giving her daughter-in-law the recipe.

Eleanor Thomas finally went on vacation to glory not by plane by her wings on March 3rd 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Preceding her call to glory was her mother and father Fannie Mae and Henry Calier, her brothers Jesse Alexander, Henry Calier and her husband Russell Thomas. Left to mourn her light is her sister Rita Townsell, her brother-in-law James Townsell (Suffolk, Va), sisters-in-law Mary Thomas (Raleigh, NC) and Hazel Josephine Goodman (Hillside, NJ), Daughter Emily Johnson (Raleigh, NC), Son Russell K. Thomas, Daughter-in-law Alicia Parejo-Thomas (her Lifetime channel watching partner), Granddaughters Destiny Pearl (her beautician) and De'javu Essence Thomas (her counselor), Nieces Audrey Ann Calier (NY, NY), Keisha Friday (Hillside, NJ), Vanessa Thomas (Raleigh NC), Nephews Milton Thomas (Woodbridge, NJ), James ju-ju Townsell (Elkland, Pa), Great Niece Victoria Corprew, Husband Hinson Corprew (Chesterfield, Va), Stacey Felder (East Hartford, Ct), special Granddaughter Cyjerra Stephens (Newark, NJ) and NUMEROUS other Nephews, Nieces, Cousins as well as her beloved Linwood Place family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Prayer of Comfort - Pastor Angie Singletary

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: 23rd Psalm

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Selection: Mrs. Victoria Corprew "Eye on The Sparrow"

Obituary: Mrs. Keshia Friday

Acknowledgements

Selection: Mr. Kadeem Turner "Going Up Yonder"

Eulogy: Pastor MacNeil

Repast

18 Green Street (Deborah's Jazz Cafe)

Interment
Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Kent, Alicia, Destiny and De'javu
I want you to know that I have moved. I received a call from
God, the Chief Architect, who informed me that my new
house is ready and I could move immediately. Well, my new
home is finished and its such a beautiful sight to behold. It
is located in an exclusive estate area and it sits behind a
beautiful pearly gate.

There is peace, joy and happiness here with no
more pain to bear, no strife or discontent. I could go on
exploring around my new home but I have to get fitted for
my wings. Let me give you my new address because I highly
recommend you make plans to live here too.

Eleanor Thomas
12 Gates to the City Avenue
Godstown, Heaven 77777.

Oh yeah! Let me tell you this , I don't have a telephone yet,
but first call God. If you don't have His number, He is listed
in the Good Book on every page. Contact Him.



Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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