

*Celebrating The Life*  
*Dorothy of Thomas*

**Sunrise:**  
**May 6, 1935**

**Sunset:**  
**June 4, 2021**



**SERVICE:**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 - 11:00 AM**  
**WOODY HOME FOR SERVICES**  
163 Oakwood Avenue • Orange, New Jersey 07050  
**Rev. Dr. Joseph Cooper, Officiating**  
**Bro. Myron Smith, Organist**

## *Obituary*

**Dorothy Thomas** was born on May 6, 1935 to the late Sylvester and Gertrude Hayes in Henderson, North Carolina.

She was the 10th of eleven children. She graduated from Henderson Institute in 1953. She and her sister Helen were quite popular in High School as they were both recognized as Best Dressed in their yearbooks! After graduating from High School she worked at the Henderson Country Club. She then relocated to New Jersey in 1956.

Dorothy worked at St. Paul Insurance Company and at Wausau Insurance Company in East Orange and West Orange, NJ respectively. She was a claims adjuster for well over 20 years until she retired in the early 1990's.

Dorothy joined St Paul AME Church in East Orange NJ in the early 1970's. She was a very active member over the years and supported church programs such as Women's Day, Men's Day, Children's Day, Church Anniversary, AME General Conference, the Usher Board, Sunday School, and more. She loved God with all her heart and mind and serving in the church was how she expressed it. It really made her proud to have both her son and granddaughter Baptized at St Paul AME, her second home. She really looked forward to Sundays after church; she would pick up take out from Boston Market, have dinner with her family, and watch TV for the rest of the afternoon. She was a HUGE fan of the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) and the World Wrestling Experience (WWE)! Hulk Hogan, Randy Macho Man Savage, The Undertaker, and of course The Rock were a few of her favorites. She also loved holiday gatherings with her son's family, reading the Holy Bible, watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, drinking Black Coffee at 5am, sipping on Vodka and Orange Juice occasionally (especially when she came to her son's home), and of course she absolutely loved hanging out with her granddaughter.

Dorothy had one son Tony with whom she loved. They were really tight like white on rice! She taught him about God at a very early age and to pray often. She was a devoted Mother-in-Law to Tony's wife Karen. They had a wonderful friendship. She was an amazing Grand Mother to Hunter. They were two peas in a pod whenever they got together!

She is also survived by her sister Helen Davis (Happy 88 Birthday Aunt Helen!), a nephew, and a host of nieces and their families in New Jersey, North Carolina, and Georgia.

# *Order of Service*

Hymn of Comfort ..... “Blessed Assurance”  
Prayer of Comfort ..... Deacon Mike Roberts  
Scripture Reading ..... Jackie Reese  
    Old Testament – Psalm 62: 5 - 8  
    New Testament – Philippians 3: 13 - 14  
Solo ..... Bro Tyrone Dunlap  
Remarks .....Family and Friends (2 minutes please)  
Daughter-in-Law Love ..... Karen Moses-Hayes  
Obituary ..... Hunter Hayes  
Musings about Mom ..... Tony Hayes  
13 Candles Lighting Ceremony ..... Tony Hayes  
Solo .....Bro. Tyrone Dunlap  
Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. Joseph Hooper  
Committal Service  
Recessional .....Clergy & Family



## *Final Resting Place*

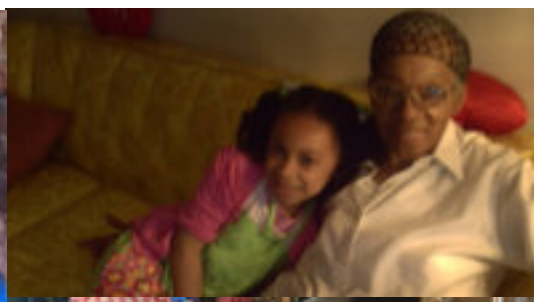
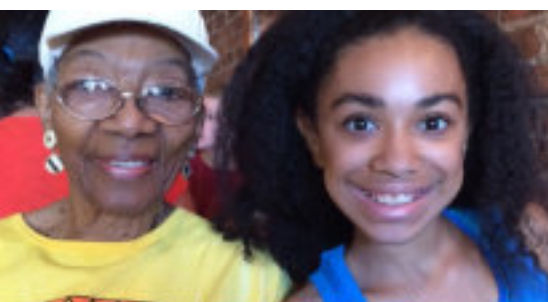
Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
Wrightstown, NJ



# precious memories

















# *To My Loved Ones*

When I am gone, release me – let me go  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years. I gave you love,  
you can only guess, how much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love each have shown,  
but now it is time I traveled alone.  
So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must,  
then let your grief be comforted by trust  
It is only for a while that we must part  
so bless those memories within your heart.  
I will not be far away, for life goes on.  
so if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear  
All of my love around you, soft and clear.  
Then when you must come this way alone,  
I will greet you with a smile and “Welcome Home”

## *Acknowledgement*

**The family of Dorthy Thomas will remember and cherish your many expressions of love, sympathy and prayers so graciously extended.  
Thank you and may God Bless you.**

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