

*In Loving Memory of*  
***Thelma Roachford***

***Sunrise***  
***May 28, 1942***

***Sunset***  
***September 26, 2021***



***Service***

***Friday, October 8, 2021 • 11:00 a.m.***

**ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

191-02 Linden Blvd. • St. Albans, New York 11412

***Pastor Jay Gooding, Officiating***

***Eugene Reid, Organist***

## *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection..... “How Great Thou Art” - Alan Jackson  
Eugene Reid

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Consolation .....Pastor Jay Gooding

Selection..... “Go Rest High On That Mountain” - Vince Gill  
Eugene Reid

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection..... “Amazing Grace” - George Jones  
Eugene Reid

Eulogy ..... Pastor Jay Gooding

Viewing

Benediction .....Pastor Jay Gooding

Recessional

### *Interment*

Rockville Cemetery  
Nassau County, New York

*John 11:25-26*

*Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die.*

## Obituary

**Thelma Sylvia King** born May 28th 1942 to Violet “Elaine” King and Lionel Blackman in Barbados. On Elaine’s passing when she was nine, Thelma was raised in St. Lucy by Beryl Gill. During the week while attending school she would be in St. James with her dad.

In June of 1964, Thelma and her cousin Brenda Gill moved to NY. Thelma first lived in Brooklyn with her aunt Henny on Quincy St. but then moved to Harlem to live with her namesake and cousin Thelma Braithwaite, and her family on 116<sup>th</sup>.

She met David Roachford and had a daughter Paula. Later she raised sons Michael and Gregory Roachford and was step mom to Nathaniel, Brian and Eric Roachford. Thelma was the very proud grandma to Jameel, Michael II, Jaidyn, Julianna, Eric Jr., and Nathanael Roachford. Also great grandma to Skailyn, Soleil and Jamir Roachford.

Thelma is also survived by siblings Esther Williams, Marilyn Ben, Lionel “Tony” Edwards, and Mark Smith. She also has a large family of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Thelma loved her fur babies Sam, Lulu and her bad boy Snickers.

Thelma started at JP Morgan Chase as a teller, and worked her way up the ladder over 38 years until she retired as a Private Banking Analyst. She has kept strong friendships with former co-workers over the years. Thelma moved to the Bronx where she raised her family for 20 years. Then moved to Queens in 1992, then eventually moving to her home in 2001 where she passed away.

Thelma loved to travel having gone on many family vacations. She loved her Bajan food, country music and her family. She enjoyed time with her family and would help anyone whenever needed. One of our cousins recently remarked on the kindness she received from Thelma. Our mom was very giving, and loving, she will always be in our hearts. She will be missed and was loved by many, many people.

## *God's Garden*

*God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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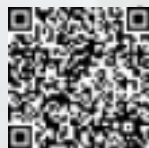
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