

*Celebrating the Life
of*

A portrait of Rosella Thomas, a woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark sleeveless top. She is smiling and positioned in the center of the page. The background is a soft, glowing yellow with a large, faint yellow rose behind her. The bottom of the page is decorated with several vibrant red roses.

Rosella Thomas

Sunrise
December 28, 1935

Sunset
December 9, 2021

Celebration of Life
Thursday, January 6, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.

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413 Soundview Avenue
Bronx, New York 10473

Obituary

Ms. Rosella Veronica Thomas departed from us and went home to be with the Lord for eternity on December 9, 2021 at 85 years old. She will be remembered as caring, generous and always giving and helping others.

Rose Thomas was a native of Savannah, GA, born on December 28, 1935 and was an only child to Hazel Lockwood and Reverend Willie Green. She spent the majority of her life residing in New York City, from the age of 17 after graduating from HS and marrying her childhood friend Benjamin Thomas (now deceased). Rose Thomas worked as a sales clerk for Saks Fifth Avenue Department Store until giving birth to her first daughter Veronica Thomas. Several years later after a divorce she married Clifton Parker, Sr. and had two sons by the names of James and Clifton, Jr. (now deceased). Several years later Rose last born daughter Denise was conceived within her marriage to Reynold Mingo (deceased). Rose and Reynold moved to Soundview projects in the Bronx and throughout their residency here she was known for her talent and love for growing plants and flowers and cooking specialties such as potato salad, fried chicken, collard greens, peach cobbler, banana pudding and a mean thanksgiving turkey! Rose worked well with children and was heavily depended on in the neighborhood for her vastly reliable babysitting skills because of her reputation of having patience, understanding and love for children. She was also known for her sense of humor and an exceptional level of generosity which resulted in several certificates of appreciation awards from FEED THE CHILDREN and St. Jude's Children. Rose also had a love for music and was an avid fan of Al Green, Mahalia Jackson Aretha Franklin and of course Ray Charles.

Her love for the Lord did not go unrecognized, she loved gospel music attended church and prayer meetings and was always there for family, friends and neighbors when support and advice was needed

Rose was also known for a few alias names such as Ms. Rose, Mama Rose, Mother Rose and nick named Nana (given from Kareem) and Suga Mama.

Ms. Thomas is survived by daughter Veronica (Ronnie) Williams, son James Thomas, daughter Denise Carrington and son-in-law Greg Carrington. Grandchildren Keisha Nunez, Kareem Thomas, Granddaughter-in-law Emmy Thomas, Rodney Williams, Jr., Dawnette Martin, Sharif Williams, Michael Rivera, great grandchildren, great, great grandchildren, cousins and a host of beloved friends

Order of Service

Opening PrayerReverend Eugene Mingo

Scripture Readings.....Reverend Eugene Mingo

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Faith and Comfort

Selection - Song Stairway to Heaven

Selected by Veronica Williams

The Spoken Word of God..... Reverend Eugene Mingo

Obituary Reading & Acknowledgment of

Condolences.....Denise Carrington

Expressions/ Eulogy Family and Friends

Benediction/ Closing of Services

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

With Gratitude And Appreciation

We extend sincere appreciation for all the expressions of love through prayer, cards, words of encouragement and kind deeds which have comforted us in our time of loss. May Gods blessing and love be with you ALL

The Family of Rosella V. Thomas



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