



*In Loving Memory of*  
*Joshline Thomas*

Sunrise: March 27, 1959

Sunset: January 8, 2023

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 - 4:00 PM**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

## Obituary

**A Time to be born:** On March 27, 1959 Joshline was born in Savannah, GA to parents Gloria Polite and Rufus Thomas until she moved to Newark, NJ at the age of 5.

**A time to grow:** Joshline attended Newark Public Schools where she was a consistent honor roll student. She enjoyed music and dancing throughout her teenage years. She participated in gymnastics and cheerleading in high school. At the age of 16, she finished school at Miami Jackson Senior High and attended classes at Essex County College in NJ before starting a family.

**A Time to serve:** Starting as a bookkeeper for Clark Brothers Construction, she gained knowledge and experience. She then went to work both bookkeeping and administrative duties at the business her father built from the ground up, Thomas Masonry. She later relocated to NJ where she worked as a home health aide and truly loved and enjoyed caring for her patients.

**A Time to love & cherish:** Later in life she was blessed travel the country, spending time and spreading love to her grandchildren by way of New Jersey, Florida, Maryland, New York and Nevada.

**A time to transition:** On Sunday, January 8, 2023 God called her beautiful soul home and dispatched her loving son, her soldier angel, Private First Class Jessie Thomas as her guide.

Joshline was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone and had the kindest of hearts. She was always willing to make the ultimate sacrifices for family and close friends. She was so funny, full of optimism and very genuine.

Joshline Thomas was loved by two sets of parents. She leaves behind Gloria Polite & Samuel Johnson and is preceded by Rufus W. Thomas, Sr. & Valerie Thomas. Her brothers: Rufus Wesley Thomas, Jr., Robert Thomas, Gerald Polite (preceded in death), Stanley Thomas and Percy Sykes. Her sisters: Sherril Williams, Leola Williams, Cynthia Thomas (preceded in death), Lori Sykes, Rose Jivens, Debra Chisholm. Her children, Greg & Lettesha Thomas, Precious Thomas, Ruby Thomas, Gerald Hollins, Jessica & Kevin Woodruff, Jessie Thomas (preceded in death). Her grandchildren, Shaygne Hernandez, Alaysha Thomas, Osmond Cole, Kendrick Cole, Kevin Woodruff Jr, Keyon Woodruff, Brianna Cole, Alexander Hunter, Gavin Thomas, Kyren Woodruff. Her great-grandchildren, Anastasia Hernandez, Jesse Hernandez, Michael Gabriel Hernandez, along with a host of nieces, nephews and loved ones.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

**CREMATION**  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

## *Psalm 23*

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## *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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