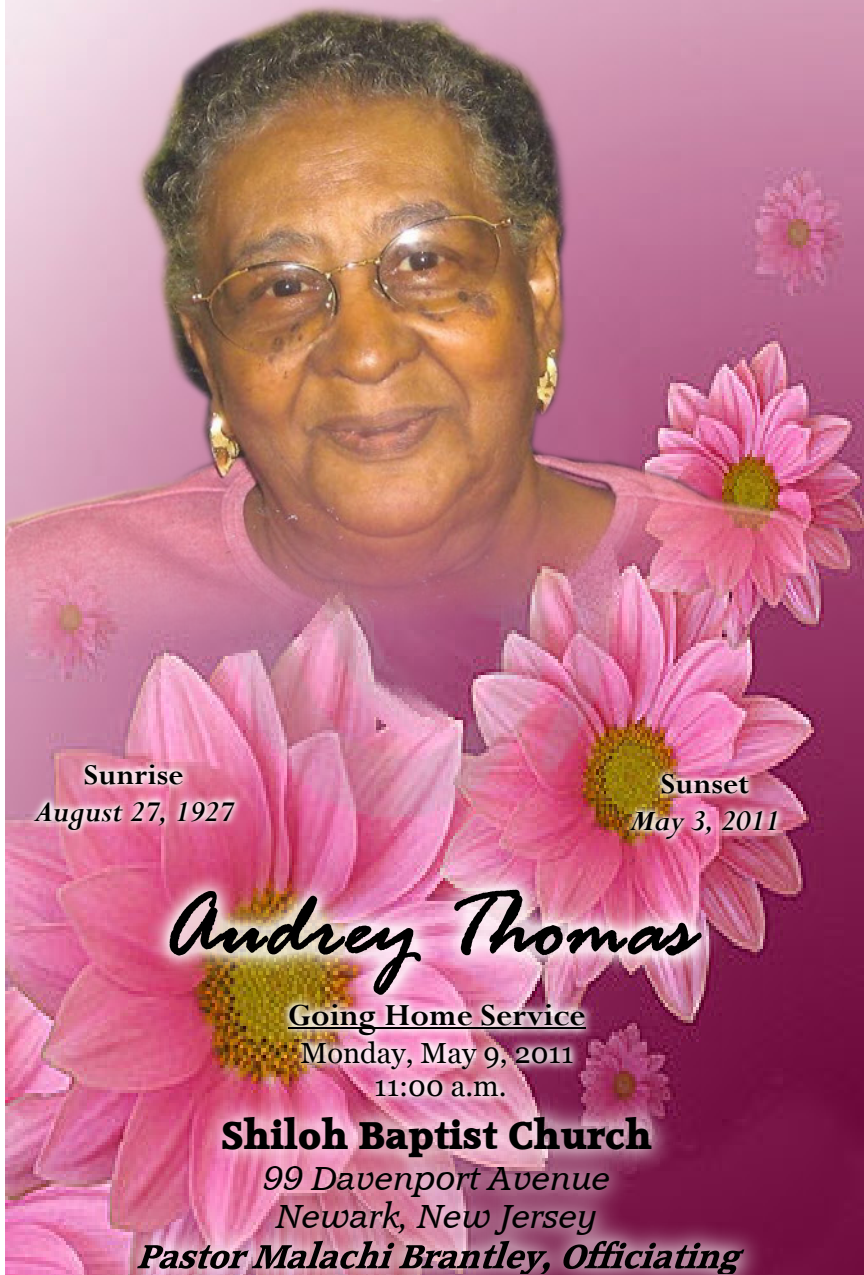


*In Loving Memory  
of*



**Sunrise**  
*August 27, 1927*

**Sunset**  
*May 3, 2011*

***Audrey Thomas***

**Going Home Service**

**Monday, May 9, 2011  
11:00 a.m.**

**Shiloh Baptist Church**

**99 Davenport Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey**

***Pastor Malachi Brantley, Officiating***

# Obituary

**Audrey Thomas**, 83, of Newark, New Jersey, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

*She was born to the Clyde and Henrietta Barrett, August 27, 1927 in Hadensville, VA. She attended grammar school in Philadelphia, PA and Central High School in Goochland County, VA.*

*Audrey worked as a nursing assistant for over forty years, at the Park View Nursing home in Bloomfield, NJ and then in private duty.*

*She was an active member of The American Legion Auxiliary. She loved to crochet and could be found making blankets and items for family and friends at anytime.*

*Audrey leaves behind to cherish her memory: four sons, Ernest "Butch" Thomas, Nathaniel "Wayne" Thomas, Steven Johnson and James Snead; four daughters, Audrey "Gail" Durant, Brenda Minor, Alice Goodwin and Edith Mae Gunn; five sisters, Francis Mitchell, Alice Hankins, Angie McCloud, Addie Townsend and Evelyn Arnett; thirty-eight grandchildren; and a host of great-grand's, nieces and nephews.*

*She was preceded in death by her parents, five children, Clyde Barrett, Juanita Hopkins, Robert Hopkins, Kathy Barrett, and Ingrid "Bernadette" Shelton, three brothers, Weldon Barrett, William Barrett and Carl Barrett Sr. and one sister, Vernetta Barrett.*

# Order of Service

*Musical Prelude ..... Choir*

*Processional ..... Clergy and Family*

*Scripture Reading ..... Faye Newsome*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Evelyn Arnett*

*Poem ..... Cherie Washington*

*Cards and Acknowledgements ..... Belinda Barrett*

*Words on Behalf of Children ..... Ernest Thomas*

*Words on Behalf of Grandchildren ..... Alfred Thomas*

*Obituary ..... Nathaniel Thomas*

*Solo ..... Ingrid Shelton*

*Eulogy ..... Pastor Malachi Brantley*

**Interment**

*Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey*

## *Don't*

*Don't spend too much time in mourning  
Tears are for the sad.  
I left to be with Jesus  
This should make you glad.  
Don't waste your hours in grieving  
No need to feel distressed.  
I'm tired of life's frustrations  
And had to get some rest.  
Don't vex yourself with questions  
Or try to reason why.  
Life here for me has ended;  
It came my time to die.  
Don't lose the love I gave you;  
Feed it with care,  
Grow it with devotion  
And spread it everywhere.  
Don't fret because my leaving  
Came in such a way.  
We'll have another meeting  
In God's eternal day.*

### *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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