

Home Going Service for
Dorethea (Branch) Thomas



Sunrise
May 17, 1924

Sunset
June 25, 2011

Service

Friday, July 1, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

GILMORE MEMORIAL LOOK AND LIVE MINISTRY

68 Haledon Ave.
Paterson, New Jersey

Elder Patrick Farrar, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Dorethea Branch Thomas was born May 17, 1924 to the late Marvin Branch and June Copeland Branch in Virginia.

Dorethea was a resident of Paterson, New Jersey for over fifty years. She graduated from Hackensack High School. She was employed by the Bendix Corporation and White Metal Manufacturing Company, before retiring in 1991.

Dorethea was a member of Gilmore Memorial Tabernacle in Paterson, where she served as an usher and various organizations within the church. Dorethea often provided readings for various programs at Gilmore. She enjoyed crocheting, reading romance novels and going to the movies.

She leaves to cherish: her daughter, Constance Harrell; a son-in-law, Robert Harrell, Sr.; three grandsons, Robert, Jr., Terrance and Justin; three granddaughters, Asia, Ania and D'nali; two sisters, Eleanor Pierce of New York City and Mary Branch of Paterson; and a host of cousins, nieces, great nephews and nieces and dear friends.



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements
and Reflections

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy Elder Patrick Farrar

Recessional



Interment

Laurel Grove Cemetery

Totowa, New Jersey

Slipping Away

I watched as you were to be slipping away.

I watched as you cried in pain.

I wondered why you had to suffer so much.

But, I couldn't question God's work.

I kissed your brow and you gave me kisses,

But they became weaker and weaker.

I listened as you tried to talk,

but couldn't get the words out.

I felt your heartbeat getting weaker and weaker.

I asked God to heal your body in His own way.

It's so hard to let go,

You couldn't eat or drink,

you were slowly slipping away.

I know heaven's gates will be waiting for you.

You did the best you could.

I love you and rest in peace.

Love always, Connie

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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