

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Marion E. Thompson*



*Sunrise*  
*April 16, 1940*

*Sunset*  
*January 10, 2012*

*Service*

Saturday, January 14, 2012 - 3:00 p.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue

New York, New York 10027

**Rev. Robert F. Purdie, Officiating**

**Eustace A. Johnson, Organist**

*Service*

Monday, January 16, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

**SALEM CHAPEL & HERITAGE CENTER**

101 South Salem Avenue

Sumter, South Carolina 29150

**Rev. Debbie Bowens-Davis, Officiating**

**INTERMENT**

**Beulah AME Church Cemetery**

**Sumter, South Carolina**

## *Life Reflections*

### *Marion “Grandpa” Thompson*

Born April 16, 1940 in Sumter, SC, he was the oldest child of the late Mary E. Johnson. Marion was preceded in death by his uncle Frank Dicks Sr. who assisted in his rearing.

He attended the public schools of Sumter County and later joined the United States Army. After completing his time in the military, Marion worked for the United States Postal Services in New York City until his retirement.

He accepted Christ at an early age and attended St. James UME Church in Sumter. Grandpa, as he was often called, was a kind and giving person. Grandpa had a passionate love for History, Jazz and Science.

After a brief illness, our beloved “Grandpa” was called to rest on January 10, 2012. He leaves to cherish his memory: two brothers, Paul Johnson, Jr. of Bronx, NY and Jerry (Diane) Johnson of Sumter, SC; two nieces, Nicole Johnson and Ashley Johnson; one nephew, Corey Johnson, all of Sumter, SC; two grand nephews, and one grand niece; a special friend that he considered as a sister, Rosa L. Walton of New York, NY; his godson, Matthew S. Washington of New York, NY; The Walton Family whom he cared for deeply; and his special love, Felix Daniel the cat; two special cousins, Frank Dicks Jr. and Eva J. Montoute; and a host of other relatives and friends.



# *Order of Service*

*Reverend Debbie Bowens-Davis, Officiating*

Processional

Musical Selection

Invocation ..... Deacon George Gainor

Scriptures:

Old Testament - Psalm 23 ..... Reverend Emmanuel Davis

New Testament - John 14:1-6 .... Reverend Emmanuel Davis

Expressions of Love ..... Mrs. Annette Thompson  
Mr. John Willis

Acknowledgements ..... Mrs. Gloria McDaniel

Solo ..... Mrs. Cynthia Harvin

Words of Comfort ..... Reverend Debbie Bowens-Davis

Solo ..... Mrs. Cynthia Harvin

Recessional ..... Musical Selection

Committal, Benedictions & Interment



*The family of the late **Marion Thompson** invites you to join them  
for the repast immediately following the benediction at  
Salem Chapel*

# *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*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Marion E. Thompson** is deeply appreciative of all the acts of love, deeds of thoughtfulness and words of sympathy expressed, implied or demonstrated during their bereavement.

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# *Order of Service*

**Officiant - Rev. Robert F. Purdie, Pastor**

*The Love of God Christian Church, NYC*

Musical Prelude ..... Bro. Eustace A. Johnson

Processional

Invocation

Scriptures:

Old Testament - Psalms 90:1-12 ..... Reverend Robert F. Purdie

New Testament - John 14:1-6 ..... Reverend Robert F. Purdie

Solo ..... Sis. Leslie J. Wilkins

Prayer of Comfort ..... Sis. Cynthia Elmore

Acknowledgements ..... Sis. Rosalind Mphahlele

Reflection ..... (Please limited to 2 Min)

Reading of Obituary ..... Sis. Barbara Gailliard-Nowell

Hymn ..... "Blessed Assurance"

Eulogy ..... Bro. Matthew S. Washington, Godson

Solo ..... Sis. Leslie J. Wilkins

Final Viewing

Committal, Benediction, Recessional

Musical Postlude ..... Bro. Eustace A. Johnson

*The family of the late Marion Thompson invites you to join them for  
the repast immediately following the benediction at  
Ebenezer Gospel Tabernacle  
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## *To Those I Love*

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown*

