

*A Celebration  
of Life  
for*



*Lorraine Thomas*

**Sunrise**  
*July 7, 1954*

**Sunset**  
*May 1, 2012*

*Friday, May 4, 2012 - 12:00 Noon*

**ELMWOOD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN**

377 Clinton Avenue • Newark, NJ

*Rev. Robert N. Burkins, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

**Lorraine Thomas**, a daughter of Luddie Mae Ezell and Tillman Ezell was born in Newark, New Jersey on July 7, 1954. She passed away peacefully at the Beth Israel Hospital, Tuesday, May 1, 2012 surrounded by loving family members.

Lorraine was a wonderful lady, mother, sister, and friend to many. She was employed at the New Jersey Regional Medical Examiner's office in Newark, NJ as an executive secretary and held that position for twenty-two years. She loved spending time with her family especially her loving grandchildren.

She was a remarkable woman who will be forever loved, cherished and remembered by friends and her remaining family members for her courage, loyalty, kindness, and perseverance in the face of adversity. To know her was to love her.

She leaves to celebrate her life two daughters, Katrina and son-in-law, Al Morgan and Sabrina Thomas; son, Laquan Thomas; grandchildren, Quameer Elamin, Sterling Thomas, LaRay Morgan, Taylor Morgan, and Paige Morgan; nieces, Dorinda Coleman, Vanessa Coleman, Latricia Ezell and Sharonda Carson; and a host of great nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Luddie Mae, and; Tillman Ezell; sisters, Emma F. Coleman, and Felecia L. Carson.

Mother, we love you and we will meet you again at the Father's House. We have no doubt that you are there; and we will see you there. Until we meet again.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude .....Organist

Processional .....Clergy and family

Call to Worship .....Rev. Robert N. Burkins

Opening Hymn ..... Anna King

Prayer

Scripture Reading ..... Rev. Robert N. Burkins

Acknowledgments .....Atiya Coleman (Great Niece)

Liturgical Dance .....Elder Hassanna J. Elison  
(Love of Jesus, Newark, NJ)

Remarks .....Oshima Tiendrebeogo

Reading of the Obituary..... Qaadara Coleman (Great Niece)

Solo ..... "Only A Look"  
Anna King

Eulogy .....Rev. Robert N. Burkins

Closing Hymn

Recessional

**Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

# *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*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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