

*Homegoing Celebration  
In Loving Memory  
of*



*Mary Lee Bruton*

**Sunrise**  
May 27, 1933

**Sunset**  
October 20, 2012

*Service*

Saturday October 27, 2012 - 8:00 a.m.

**NEW ZION REVIVAL TEMPLE**

29 Ross Street • Newark NJ

*Pastor Deloise Russell, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Mary Lee Thomas** was born May 27, 1933 in Lourinburg, North Carolina to the late Callie McGirt and Willie Thomas she departed this life October 20, 2012 at home with her loved ones.

In 1955, she married the late David Bruton.

Mary loved and cherished her children, she had an extraordinary love for her grand and great grandchildren. She had a smile that would just grow on you. She had a love for her community and her community had a love for her.

Sis. Mary Bruton started under the leadership of Mother Josephine Stewart in Zion Temple Holiness Church for many years. She continued her walk with Christ in New Zion Revival Temple under the leadership of Pastor Deloise Allen-Russell, where she was a Mother in Zion. She was loved and she will be missed. Her children really kept her Beautiful and we would always tell her. Mother Bruton attended New Zion Revival Temple under the leadership of Pastor Deloise Russell until the Lord called her home. Mother Bruton is absent from the body but present with the Lord.

She leaves to cherish her memories: eight children, Betty Thomas of Dillon, SC, David, Charles, Daisy, Hattie, Ronald, Wade all of Newark, NJ, James of Columbia, SC; one daughter-in-law, Donna M. Bruton of Columbia, SC; one son-in-law, LC Thomas of Dillon, SC; three grandchildren she raised, Melvin, Shaheedah and Wade Jr.; one special grandson, Ibin; one God-son, Todd Ural Jones; one sister, Betty Douglas of Philadelphia, PA; one brother, Samuel Thomas of Maxton, NC; five sisters-in-law, Aretha Thomas of Maxton, NC, Helen Bruton of Newark NJ, Betty Thomas of Durham, NC, Eunice Thomas of Staten Island, NY and Kattie Thomas of Maxton, NC; one great aunt, Mae Belle Pratt of Durham, NC; 32 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren; four adopted sisters, Clinnie Barnhart, Veronice Horne, Annie Pickett and Mother Ward of Irvington, NJ; extended family friends, Excell Bostic, Bobby Morris, Janice Swinson, Sabrina Loyal, Myrtle Bruton, Trudy Wharton, Alan Moore, Bible Way Church Family, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends that loved her and will miss her dearly.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional .....Lawrence Allen

Congregational Song..... “I’ll Fly Away “

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo .....Sister Denise Young

Remarks ..... 2 Min. each please

Obituary, Cards & Resolution .....Evangelist Ricks

Solo .....Sister Denise Young

Words Of Comfort ..... Pastor Deloise Russell

Final Viewing..... Cotton Funeral Service Directors

## ***Services of Commendations***

*Committal, Closing Prayer*

### Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

620 Central Avenue • Newark, NJ

## ***Repast***

The Village Social Club & Event Hall

22 Irvine Turner Blvd. • Newark, NJ 07103

# *My Dear Children*

I am sleeping I'm at rest  
Hold on to our memories.

We shared the best.

Why I had to leave ,you wonder why

I was ready for my new home Beyond the Sky

I will be walking, Talking, and singing my songs

I'm in Heavens Care Now

I'll be somewhere around Gods Throne

You know I LOVE ALL OF YOU

But this is something I had to do God called me by  
my name I answered his call and peace he gave

When you start to Cry from Missing Me Remember

My Laugh, My Smile But most of all

Remember I'm Free

(I love you all Momma)

*By: Donna M. Bruton*

## *Acknowledgement*

We the family of **Mary L. Bruton** would like to thank our  
many friends for all the acts of kindness rendered to us  
during our time of bereavement. May God Bless all of You.

*The Family*

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