

No Need To Weep

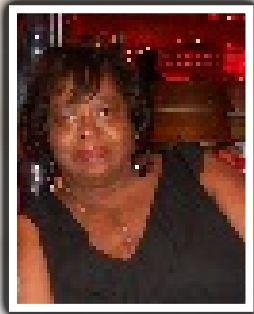
*Oh, my loved ones, why do you weep?
Wipe away your tears, for I'm only sleep.
I will not awake when you call my name,
Because in the midst of the night, Death came.*

*I have earned this eternal rest,
Because in life God put me to the test.
The battle is over and the victory is won,
God spoke to me and He said, "Well done".*

*He stretched out His hand to beckon me,
And said, "Come home my child, to eternity".
Wipe away the tears, because I'm only asleep,
I'm in the arms of Jesus, so there's no need to weep.*

*Weeping may endure for the night,
But joy cometh in the morning.*

Psalms 30:5



Acknowledgements

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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In Loving Memory of



Linda Petford

Sunrise
September 10, 1945

Sunset
January 27, 2013

Service

Friday, February 1, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

Smyrna Missionary Baptist Church

358-362 15th Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks (*2 minutes please*)

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Hollywood Cemetery

Union, New Jersey

Obituary

Linda Faye Thomas, daughter of the late Maggie and Edison Thomas Jr, was born September 10, 1945 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Linda was the second eldest of four children, one brother Richard Thomas (deceased), and two sisters, Omena Downey and Sarah Moore. Linda was raised in a Christian home. She knew and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and was a faithful member of Smyrna Missionary Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey.

As a young child, the Thomas family relocated to Newark, New Jersey. While attending public school East Side High, Linda met Lenzy Petford and after a childhood courtship they married on January 19, 1963. Through their union of thirty years, they were blessed with four children, Lenzy (deceased), Roxanne, Denard and Sharonda (deceased).

Linda loved the Lord. She loved her family and her friends, but her passion was cooking. She worked for Clara Mass and Newark Extended Care for almost thirty years and retired as a Dietary Supervisor. She was also instrumental in the success of Cleo's La Cuisine Catering Company or as we knew it "Aunt Cleo's". Linda was known for her birthday and holiday socials. Always excellent food, the best of old school music and a **heart made of gold, "simply pure"**. And if you really knew our mother, you probably played a little cards with her too!

On Sunday, January 27, 2013, Linda answered the call and quietly slipped away into the arms of Jesus Christ. Linda leaves to celebrate: two children, Roxanne Omena Petford, Newark, New Jersey, Denard Lamont Petford, Saint Louis, Missouri, two sisters: Omena Downey, East Orange, New Jersey, Sarah Moore, Hollywood, Florida, daughter-in-law, Eunice Petford, Grandchildren: Spring James, Ashly Petford, Sidiq Petford, Toure Petford, Jadah Petford, Julian Petford, Tatyana Petford, Great Grandchildren: Aubrie, Ayden and Gabriel and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

On behalf of our beloved mother, the Petford children would like to thank their father Lenzy and all of our relatives, friends, co-workers, for the love, compassion, support, but most of all your prayers. Love is in the "Heart". Words cannot express our gratitude.

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