



The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
 My loved ones, oh so dear.
 But you see, the Master called me,
 His voice was very clear!
 I had made my reservation
 A heaven bound ticket for one,
 And I knew that He would call me
 When He felt my work was done.
 I know that your hearts are heavy
 Because I have gone away,
 But when the Master called me,
 I knew that I could not stay.
 Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
 My loved ones, oh so dear,
 But, you see, the Master called me
 And, now I'm resting here.
 Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
 And to you all I say
 Just stay in the hands of Jesus
 And we'll meet again someday.*



-Author unknown

After doing a little review of my entire life and thinking about all the things God has done and brought me through, I can truly say, "HE'S AN ON TIME GOD".

~ Mother Thomas

Acknowledgement

The family and friends of the late Mother Jean I. Thomas can not express how thankful we are to all of you who have expressed God's loving kindness during the loss of our beloved MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER and FRIEND. We sincerely appreciate every act of kindness, comforting message and prayers that you have lifted up on our behalf. May God's peace, comfort and blessings continue to rest and reside within you.

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Homegoing Celebration



Mother Jean I. Thomas

Sunrise
 January 8, 1943

Sunset
 January 31, 2013

Service

Saturday, February 9, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.

Bread of Life Inspirational Baptist Church

774 Bergen Street
 Newark, New Jersey

Celebrating the life of Mother Jean I. Thomas

Homegoing Service: February 9, 2013

- Musical Prelude..... Bro. Gerald Walker
- Processional
- OfficiantAsst. Pastor Everton A. Pigott
- Prayer.....Deacon Raymond W. Worrill
- Hymn
- Scripture Reading
Old Testament: Psalm 121Dr. Carlton Sapp
New Testament: Romans 8:35-39Evangelist Rachel Benjamin
- Soloist..... Deaconess Ruth Moore
- Reading
- Obituary/Acknowledgements Cards Sister Shondra Jefferson
& Condolences
- Expressions of LoveSister Rosetta Jackson & Clergy
- Prayer of Comfort for the FamilyPastor Timothy Sturrup
- SoloistSister Pamela Grier
- EulogyPastor Raymond Grier
- BenedictionPastor Raymond Grier
- Final Viewing
- Recessional

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Obituary

Mother Jean I. Thomas was born to the late Hezekiah Samuel and the late Olivett Browne on January 8, 1943 in Antigua, West Indies.

Mother Thomas and the late Pastor Carlton R. Thomas were united in holy matrimony on May 12, 1971 and were blessed with two daughters, Carla and Maylyn.

Mother Thomas had accepted Christ into her life at an early age and had always been an active member in the church. As a member of the First New Zion Baptist Church, Bronx, New York, she served in several ministries including Deaconess, Chairperson of the Trustee Board, Chairperson of the Building Fund and President of the Combined Choir. Mother Thomas' passion for teaching the word of God, providing care for the sick and shut-in and Godly servant hood led her to form the Willing Worker's Ministry, whose mission was to willingly and cheerfully do what was needed in the kingdom of God. No task was too small to ensure the up keeping and enrichment of God's house. Mother Thomas held fast to her belief that no one should have to ask you to do God's work. If you take care of God's work, He will always take care of you. As his word states, "I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25, KJV).

When God called the Late Pastor Carlton Thomas to shepherd His people, as the Pastor of the Willing Workers Unified Freewill Baptist Church in 1985, Mother Thomas exemplified the Proverbs 31 woman and led by example filling the gaps in the early part of this ministry serving as the church clerk and spearheading the Missionary board and Youth ministry. Staying true to her purpose, Mother Thomas was also actively involved in the Outreach Street ministry witnessing and meeting the needs of the surrounding communities and shelters.

In February 1998, the late Pastor Carlton Thomas was called to serve at St. John Unified Freewill Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. Mother Thomas served as First Lady and was a member of the choir.

Staying true to her calling of always being a willing vessel for Christ, Mother Thomas joined the Bread of Life Inspirational Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey under the leadership of Pastor Raymond Grier in October 2011. Determined to not sit down on God, Mother Thomas served on the Mother's Board, Missionary Board, Pastor's Aide Committee and volunteered as an usher during her tenure.

During her professional career, Mother Thomas was employed as a Sales Specialist, Home Health Aide and Beautician. She most recently held the position as an Assistant Head Cook for the New York City Board of Education.

Mother Thomas is survived by her two daughters, Carla Thomas-Stephen, Maylyn Persico, son-in-laws Anthony Stephen and Deacon Randy Persico; stepson, Dr. Carlton Sapp, stepdaughter, Nancy Duncan; six grandchildren, Devon, D'Andre, Justin, Maya, Kayla and Isaiah; seven siblings, Vincent, Denley, Ethlyn, Elaine, Beresford, Lauckland and Courtney; seven-in-laws, Keith, Shirley, Kenford, Garfield, Sammy, Elmore, Cavelle, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

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