

Homegoing Celebration for



Carolyn Angela Thomas-Watkins

Sunrise

May 29, 1960

Sunset

March 18, 2013

Service

Monday, March 25, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

FIRST A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

326 Ellison Street

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Douglas L. Maven, Officiating

Rev. Garrett M. Thomas, Eulogist

Reflections of Life

Carolyn Angela Thomas-Watkins exchanged mortality for eternity on Monday, March 18, 2013 at The Hospice of New Jersey at St. Joseph's Hospital in Wayne surrounded by her loving family. Carol was born to Rev. Ernest Thomas and Maggie Lloyd-Thomas in Pinehurst, North Carolina on May 29, 1960. At a very young age, she relocated with her family to Paterson, N.J. where she graduated from Public School #4 in 1974 and John F. Kennedy High School, class of 1978. She continued her education at Centenary College in Hackettstown, N.J. and at Kean College in Union, N.J.

Carol was a hard working woman! She previously worked for several years at Alps Manor Nursing Home in Wayne. In 2009, Carol retired after 23 years of dedicated service to New Jersey Bell/Verizon. She then began a third career nurturing young minds at The Loving Care Learning Center in Paterson.

Carol was saved! Upon arriving in Paterson, she became a baptized member of First A.M.E. Zion Church where she gave her life to Christ and sang with The Voices of Zion for decades. Carol also attended worship services at Seminary Baptist Church in Haledon. Carol was a joy to be around; she always had a good story to tell and kept everybody laughing. She loved entertaining company and was a very gracious host.

Carol was also a traveling woman; she spent many wonderful vacations with her family sightseeing, fishing, cruising, and bike riding. Affectionately known as "Cee Cee" by her grandchildren, Carol was a wonderful mother and enjoyed jumping double-dutch and playing hop-scotch with her daughters.

Carol was predeceased by her step-son, Ejustic R. "Mookie" Watkins. She leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved husband and childhood sweetheart, Ejustic "June" Watkins; two daughters, Mikaela Sharae Watkins and Kiah Symone Watkins; two step-daughters, Tawana S. Watkins and Tashana I. Watkins; four grandchildren, Daqwan T. McLean, Jr., Jaden R. Holt, Anya Jolla, and Brianna Mells; one God-daughter, Arionna Laree Jackson; her parents, Rev. Ernest Thomas and Maggie Thomas of Paterson; one sister, Cynthia Annette Thomas and her husband Douglas of Paterson; two brothers, Deacon Ernest Everett Edward Thomas and his wife Janet of Fort Worth, Texas, and Rev. Garrett M. Thomas and his wife Dawn of Somerville, N.J.; her mother-in-law, Willie B. McBride-Watkins and her sister-in-law, Cynthia Watkins both of Paterson; two brothers-in-law, Calvin Watkins and his wife Sharonda of West Ampton, N.J., and Isaac Watkins, of Paterson. A host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunt, cousins, friends, and neighbors are also left to cherish the memory of Carolyn Angela Watkins-Thomas.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Invocation Rev. Douglas L. Maven

Hymn# 258 “No Not One”

Scripture Lesson Rev. Alfred E. Steele

OT - Psalm 23

NT - 2nd Corinthians 5:1-8

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Ernest Thomas

Selection The Voices of Zion

Reading of the Acknowledgments

and Resolutions..... Min. Sharonda Watkins

Remarks Bro. James McFadden

Rev. Katie P. McPhatter

Deacon Ed Thomas

Clergy

Reading of the Obituary Min. Watkins

Solo Mrs. Willie B. Watkins

Selection The Voices of Zion

Eulogy Rev. Garrett M. Thomas

Closing Hymn Hymn# 504 “Blessed Assurance”

Recessional

Interment

Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery

Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Pallbearers

Douglas E. Thomas, Jr. Aaron Jackson
Garrett M. Thomas, Jr. Keshon Easton
Jason Patterson, Sr. Christopher Thomas

To My Mommy

by: Kiah Watkins

*To a mom that I love
Who just went up above*

*I love you so much
You taught me double dutch
You had a beautiful smile
That you can see from a mile
Even though you're not here with me
You're presence is still strong as can be
No matter what I do or say
You're still here with me everyday
You were my best friend that I told everything to
But for some strange reason I can still hear you
Now from above you're looking down at me
I'll be strong because that's how you would want me to be
I ask myself why it had to be me,
You taught me the Bible and now I see .*

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Carolyn Angela Thomas-Watkins wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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