

A portrait of Mary L. Whitley, a smiling woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a white top and a necklace. The background is a soft-focus image of pink roses. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Sunrise
June 29, 1926

Sunset
May 15, 2013

Mary L. Whitley

Service

Monday, May 20, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

**CHURCH SIMMONS MEMORIAL SOUNDS OF PRAISE
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY INC.**

154 North Oraton Parkway
East Orange, New Jersey 07018

Obituary

Mary L. Whitley was born on June 29, 1926 in Roxboro, North Carolina. She was the second eldest of seven children, born to George Timberlake and Annie May Bullock. Mary raised two boys, while always working with her hands. Mary was both an excellent seamstress and an excellent "Chef". The lady could cook! But, most of all, she loved everyone and she truly loved God. Mary gave us all a glimpse of what it really means to love one another.

She is survived by her sons Philip Timberlake, James Dallam and his wife Dorothy, Sisters: Geraldine Smith, Lorrina Long, Coreen White, Grand-Children: Kisha Timberlake- Durr, Chad Timberlake, Britnee Timberlake, JaLeesa Dallam, James "JD" Dallam, Jade Dallam, Great-Grand Children: Isabella and Sasha Durr, Nephews: Anthony "Amp" Timberlake, Gerald "Pookie" Timberlake, Melvin Jones, Damien, Donovan and Darius Long, Great-Great Nephew: Cyrus Jones Nieces: Zeneith Trotter and Meritta White, Stephanie Long and Beverly Smith, and Domonique Long, and God-Son: Wayne Roberson . Although Mary did not have any biological daughters, she always referred to the following ladies as her "Daughters": Dorothy Dallam, Cathy Walsh-Timberlake, Lisa Bradley, Donna D'Alessio, and Brenda Ragsdale. She also had two special Brother-in- laws: Mr. Gus Smith and Mr. Alton White who she lovingly referred to as "Bro. Smit" and "Bro. Alton". Mary leaves behind a host of other family members and friends.

The family would like to thank her Church family, Simmons Memorial Church. We offer a special thank you to all the Mothers of the church who came to visit and pray for mom weekly. You truly brought joy to her. Pastor Simmons, we can't thank you enough for providing encouragement, spiritual leadership, and words of wisdom. Thank you and may God Bless you all.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Musicians
Processional	Clergy & Family
Officiating	Pastor Tony Stephens Simmons Memorial Church East Orange, NJ
Prayer of Comfort	Elder Earl Clark
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament - Psalm 23	Prophet Richard Griffin
New Testament - John 15:1-9	Mother Kay Everett
Musical Selection	Simmons Memorial Praise Team
Tributes	Philip Timberlake James Dallam Dorothy Dallam
Praise Dance	Britnee Timberlake
Musical Selection	JaLeesa Dallam
Reading of Resolution & Acknowledgments/Obituary	Sis. Brenda Ragsdale
Sermonic Selection	Pastor Tony Stephens
Eulogy	Pastor Ruby Simmons East Orange, NJ
Recessional	

INTERMENT

Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, 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

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The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.

May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.

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