

*Homegoing Service*  
*Celebrating the Life Of*

*Odessa Johnson*

*Sunrise*

January 17, 1923

*Sunset*

June 30, 2013



*A Beautiful Voice Is Stilled*

Friday, July 5, 2013 - 11:00 am

**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**

1002 Rivington Street

Roselle, New Jersey

Rev. Milton A. Byrd, Pastor

## *Life Reflections*

**Odessa Johnson** was born on January 17, 1923 in Dooley County, Georgia, the youngest of seven children born to Dora Bell Atkins Thompson and Isaac Thompson. She was educated in the Dooley County Public Schools.

Odessa moved to Roselle, New Jersey in 1942. She would later settle in Elizabeth where she resided for over 30 years before moving to Roselle with her grandson, Joseph several years ago.

She had been employed in the Laundry Department at Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, New Jersey and retired after 33 years of dedicated service.

A faithful member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Roselle, New Jersey, she used her beautiful voice to sing praises to the Lord by singing with the Senior Choir of the church for over 50 years.

Odessa Johnson departed this life on Sunday, June 30, 2013 at Trinitas Hospital – Williamson Street Campus in Elizabeth, New Jersey at the age of 90. She was predeceased by a daughter, Inell Remar; her parents, Dora Bell and Isaac Thompson; four brothers, Jim, Isaac, Lewis and Tobe Thompson and two sisters, Dora Harvard and Ceola Hodges.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, a grandson, Joseph Remar of Roselle, NJ; five great grandchildren, Jamel, Jocelyn, Joseph Brandon, Jade and Justice Remar; devoted caregivers, niece, Eva Marie Harris and Isabel Jones and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

*We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you shall remain,  
To walk with us throughout our lives  
Until we meet again.  
So rest in peace Dear loved one  
And thanks for all you've done  
We pray that God has given you  
The crown you've truly won.*

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,  
The Family

# Order Of Service

Processional

Organ Prelude..... Barry Walker

A Parting View

Hymn

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn

Words of Comfort .....Deacon Wes Coleman

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary

Solo .....Louise Alford

Eulogy .....Rev. Milton A. Byrd

Recessional

## **Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church where a repast will be served.

*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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*“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”*

**Pall Bearers**

Family and Friends of **Odessa Johnson**

*God looked around His garden  
And found an empty space,  
He then looked down upon earth  
And saw your tired face  
He put His loving arms around you  
And lifted you to rest  
God's garden must be beautiful  
For he picks only the best  
He knew how you were suffering  
And the road was getting rough  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered. "Peace be Yours"  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
When God called you home.*

***Acknowledgement***

The family of **Odessa Johnson** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.