

*In Loving Memory of*



*Ethel Thomas-Scroggins*

*Sunrise*

May 16, 1923

*Sunset*

September 5, 2013

Service

Thursday, September 12, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY

*Rev. Tory Liferidge, Officiating*

*Dante Hawkins, Organist*

## Obituary

**Ethel Thomas**, was born in Harlem Hospital on May 16, 1923 to Pollie and George Thomas. She grew up with her two brothers, Jack and Arthur and two sisters, Mattie and Velma (all deceased) on 142nd Street.

Ethel was educated in the New York City School system and also attended the Ella Gordon Dance School of which she was most proud of. She spoke about the \$2.00 per week tuition and how much she loved performing in the dance recitals. Ethel would tear the floor up Lindy Hopping.

At a young age she met and married Robert Thomas. Yes she was Ethel Thomas-Thomas. Two daughters, Barbara (deceased) and Yvonne were born out of their union.

Ethel moved to 144th Street, where many of the children on the block shared the small apartment along with her and her two daughters. Once the children were there, they never wanted to leave. Children of all ages always found their way to 117 West 144th Street #2E and she never mined their presence. Ethel was a natural caregiver all the way to the end.

Ethel raised her youngest daughter, Adrienne along with her grandchildren, Kevin, Pam and Roger. In the early 1970's, she went to work at the Madison Square Garden Club, which she enjoyed immensely. Each and everyday that she went to work she walked with her head up and dressed to the hilt.

In 1981, she married Clarence Scroggins. Poppa (as she called him) and Ethel were a real live comedy team until his death in July 2005.

Her health began to fail in 2011, but she still remained talkative, vibrant and entertaining.

On May 16, 2013, she turned ninety years old. She said that she thought that she would never make it, but she beat the odds.

At 5:40 p.m. on September 5, 2013, Ethel took her final breath at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

She leaves her loving family behind: two daughters, Yvonne Williams (John) and Adrienne Thomas (My baby); three grandchildren, Kevin Wilson (Rose), Pamela Thomas and Aswad Billups (Baby Grand); five great-grandchildren, Antoine, Jacquelyn, Tara, Calvin and Ryan; niece, Vernice Tremble (Ocie); sister-in-law, Lois Washington; many other nieces and nephews whose lives she touched.

Special thanks to VNS, Nurses Tracey and Kena Barbara Walsh-aide, neighbors, Glenn, Will, Karen and Momie. Barbara Barnett, J. Hoover, Darryl DeVose and Leroy.

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

*Rev. Tory Liferidge*

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Rose Hills Memorial Park  
Putnam Valley, New York

# *To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go—  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I give you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have shown;  
But now it's time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust,  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart,  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near—  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear.  
And then, when you must come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile, and  
“Welcome Home.”*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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