

*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Valerie Laverne Thompson*



*Sunrise*

January 9, 1958

*Sunset*

July 31, 2015

*Service*

Saturday, August 8, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

**FRIENDLY BAPTIST CHURCH**

962 Ogden Ave • Bronx, NY 10459

Rev. Albert O.L. Sutton, Officiating

Bro. Eugene Tolbert, Sr., Organist

# *Order of Service*

*Organ Prelude* .....Bro. Eugene Tolbert, Sr.

*Processional*

*Selection* ..... “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”  
Darlene Cheek

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament - Psalm 23*

*New Testament - John 14*

*Invocation* ..... Rev. Albert O.L. Sutton, Sr.

*Remarks/Acknowledgements*

*Obituary*.....Tanya Neal

*Selection*.....“Going Up Yonder”  
Darlene Cheek

*Eulogy* .....Rev. Albert O.L. Sutton, Sr.

*Committal/Benediction*

*Recessional Hymn* .....“When We All Get Together”

**Final Disposition**

*Woodlawn Crematory  
Bronx, New York*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Valerie Laverne Thompson** was born in Manhattan, New York on January 9, 1958. She was the only daughter born to Annie Rivers and the late William Jordan. She departed this life on Friday, July 31, 2015 and entered into eternal rest.

Valerie was educated in the New York City Public School system, and received her Associates Degree from Lehman College. Valerie was a valued employee for thirty-seven years at the United Hospital Fund as a receptionist.

Valerie and John Thompson were united in holy matrimony on March 27, 1987. They were blessed with two wonderful sons, Claude and Brandon.

Valerie enjoyed traveling with friends and family. She especially loved traveling to Maryland to visit with her three beautiful grandchildren. Valerie was an avid reader and she loved shopping online. She also enjoyed music, dancing and ending the day with a glass of wine. Her smile brightened the day of all those she encountered.

Valerie attended and worshipped at Friendly Baptist Church.

Valerie leaves to mourn: her husband, John Thompson; two sons, Claude Thompson (Josephine) and Brandon Thompson; mother, Annie Rivers; three grandchildren, Claudine, Cynthia and Andrew Thompson; a brother, Keith Blanding (Stephanie); and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Valerie will be truly missed by her "Girls": Mary Salley, Renee Foster and Tanya Neal.

## *I've Changed My Address*

*I've changed my address to Heaven  
I've crossed the Great Divide.  
I know there's no sorrow or crying,  
Because I've reached the other side.  
I am so happy to be here, for the Lord Himself I see.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place where you'll find me.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I bid this world goodbye.  
I now live forever with Jesus in my new home in the sky.  
I have no burdens or heartaches  
and from tears I am now free.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place to find me.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
I'm safe forevermore. For the Lord built a mansion  
and my name is on the door.  
You can find us walking together,  
for where He is, I'll always be.  
I've changed my address to Heaven,  
That's the place you'll find me.*

*-Author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow. A special thank you to her "Girls" Mary Salley, Renee Foster and Tanya Neal for their unconditional love and support in Valerie's time of need.*

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:

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