In Loving Memory



Sunrise October 26, 1949

Sunset October 17, 2015

Monday, October 26, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE 1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr., Officiating

<u>Obituary</u>

Gloria Yvonne Mason (nee Thompson) the eldest of seven children was born in Tallahassee, Florida on October 26, 1949 to Aaron Sr. and Vallie Thompson. She made her transition on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Saint Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, NJ.

Forced into early retirement due to a back injury, Gloria was a Registered Nurse. She was an active member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. She attended South Side High school in Newark, NJ and earned a Baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) in 1980 at Long Island University in Brooklyn, NY.

An avid reader, Gloria also enjoyed watching movies and listening to music. She was known to be a great dancer who had a memorable stride and an infectious laugh. She was a cheerleader for the success of others and an advocate of higher education.

She was married to Fred Simmons, Jr. in 1977. Of that union one daughter, Sherita Simmons was born. In 1987 she married Bernard Mason.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bernard Thompson.

Gloria leaves to cherish her memories: her parents, Aaron Sr. and Vallie Thompson (Tallahassee, Florida); one daughter, Sherita Simmons (North Arlington); three grandchildren, Stephanie, Yahnai, and Jace; a great grandchild, Camille; her significant other, George Jones (Irvington); two brothers, Aaron Thompson, Jr. (Montclair) and Mark (Linda) Thompson (Hillside); three sisters, Winifred Thompson (Newark), Brenda Thompson (Newark), and Juanita Ragland (West Melbourne, FL); and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Sleep on Mommy; take your rest. We loved you but God loved you the best.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks (Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

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Eulogy Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr.

Recessional

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Evergreen Cemetery Hillside, New Jersey

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled room, Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little-but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me-but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, And each must go alone. It's all part of the Master's plan, A step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, Go to the friends we know. Laugh at the things we use to do Miss me-but let me go.

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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