

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



*Janie G. Thomas*

*Sunrise: April 7, 1935*

*Sunset: December 29, 2015*



## Obituary

**Janie Graham Thomas** was born on April 7th, 1935 in our ancestral home of Charleston, South Carolina. She was the youngest of three girls and is survived by her loving sisters, Anne and Rebecca, her children, Ricky, Lawrence, Deirdre, and Onikwa, her eight grandchildren, and many friends and loved ones.

Janie was the beloved wife of the late Elmore “Tom” Thomas, whom she cared for into his old age. After moving to New York City, she worked as a switchboard operator. Janie’s heart, however, was in homemaking. She retired to become a housewife and became a home-maker not just for her own family, but the entire neighborhood surrounding their home in the Bronx. Janie always made sure to know her neighbors and was adored by her community.

Janie was blessed with an amazing green thumb. She decorated her home with flowers from her garden, beautiful house plants, and treasures from travelling around the world. Her plants live on and hold her nurturing spirit.

Janie departed from her physical body on December 29th, 2015 as she slept in her home. Her family will always remember her sharp tongue and strong will. Her essence will exist eternally.

Service

Monday, January 4, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

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**Rev. David Jenkins, Organist**

*Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

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*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Mt. Rest Cemetery*

*Butler, 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*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

*May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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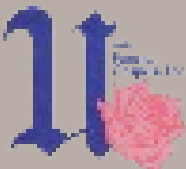
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