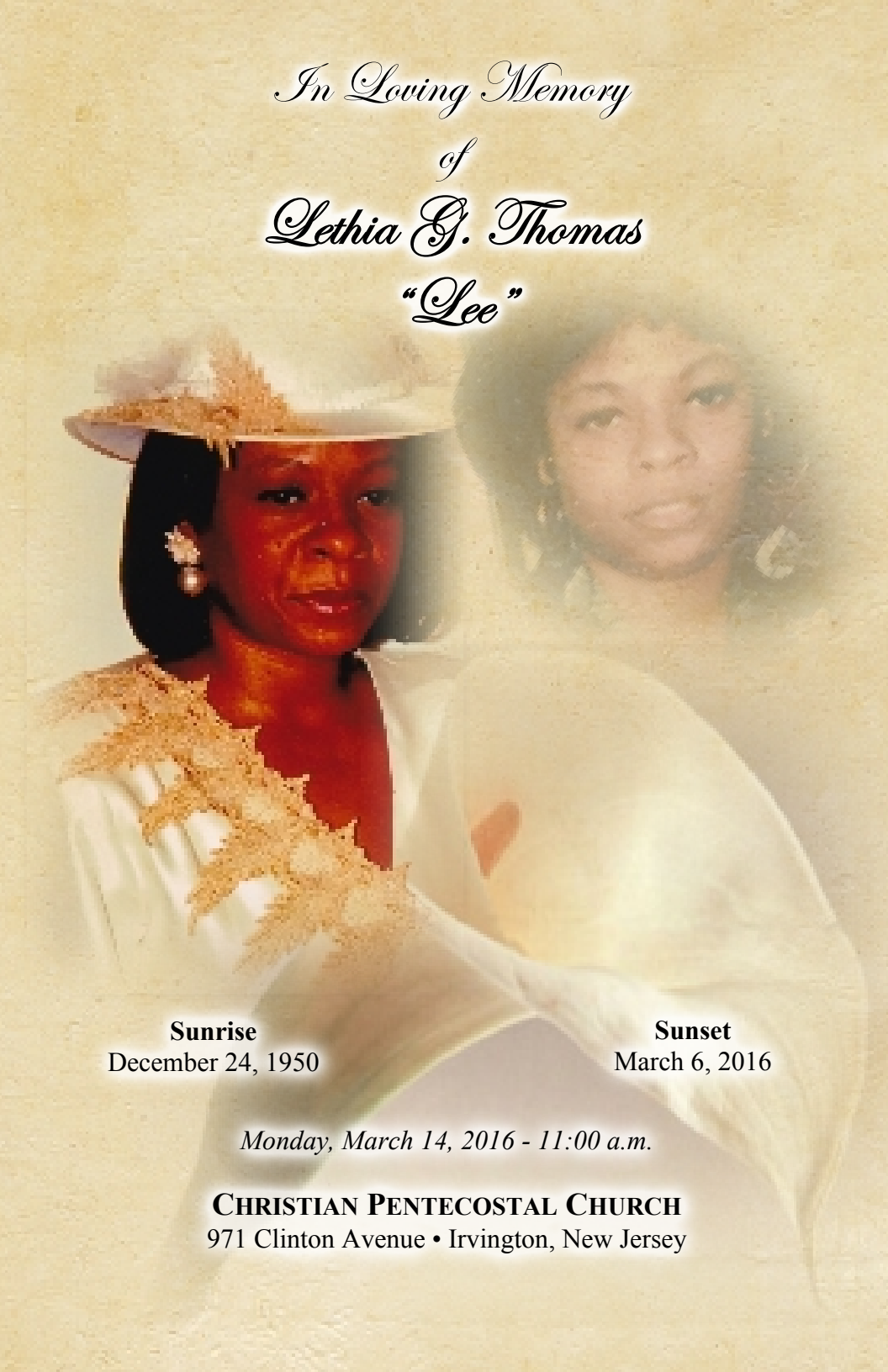


In Loving Memory
of
Lethia G. Thomas
"Lee"



Sunrise
December 24, 1950

Sunset
March 6, 2016

Monday, March 14, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
971 Clinton Avenue • Irvington, New Jersey

Order of Service

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading.....Rev. Floyd Gaskins
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Reading of Obituary Monique

Remarks.....(Two minutes each please)

Message from Farad Kendall

Solo Charles Cornick

Eulogy Bishop Barnes

Recessional

INTERMENT
Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

*Immediately following the interment repast will
be held back at the church.*

Obituary

Lethia Thomas (Lee) departed this life to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at her home in orange, NJ with her husband by her side. Lee was born on December 24, 1950, the eldest child to the late William and Delores Roland.

Lethia grew up in the City of Newark. She attended the Newark Public School system and furthered her education at Essex County College.

At the young age of 15, she met the love of her life and best friend, Winston Thomas (Butch). Two years later they joined in holy matrimony and from this union three children were born, Shearon, Winston, Jr and Rajul Thomas.

In 1978, Lee was employed by the Newark Police Department's Traffic Division. She worked there faithfully for ten years until her eyesight forced her into retirement. "LETHIA THOMAS THE COMMUNITY ACTIVIST" Lethia Thomas, was a consummate community activist, who lived in the City of Newark's South Ward District 22 before moving to Orange in her later life. She served as a District Leader, also known as County Committee Person for over "32 years" in both the Democratic and Republican Committees. While her first duty was always as a wife, mother and friend, she wrapped her arms around her whole community and treated everyone like family. She was one of the most loyal, dedicated, hardworking and socially conscious persons of her time. There was no family in her district she did not know and assist in some way during her tenure in and out of office. Leitha, was the crucial person when it came down to every "public election" in her district, you would always see Lee standing at the polling place (Bragaw Avenue School) with her crew greeting each and every voter when they came to cast their ballots. Lee was the key person in that district for legendary Mayor's Kenneth A. Gibson, Sharpe James, Councilman/Assemblyman Donald Tucker as well as the late Congressman Donald M. Payne, Sr. She was also the District Leader partner for Harold Edwards, Sr. for most of those 32 years.

Lethia Thomas had a warm heart, a beautiful spirit and love for her family and friends that will truly be missed.

Lethia was that "person", beautiful inside and out. The person everyone wanted to be around and wanted to be like. She was very competitive and talented. She loved to win in whatever she participated in. She was a worthy competitor in: racing, playing cards, dancing and most of all the game of chess. Lee's favorite thing was dressing up. She loved clothes and liked being the one in the room with the one of a kind outfit on.

Lethia was preceded in death by her son, Winston Thomas, Jr., parents, William and Delores Roland, sister, Elvenia Roland (Tessie) and nephew, Larry Roland.

Lee leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband, Winston Thomas, Sr.; two children, Shearon (Joseph) Hollaway and Rajul Thomas (Teisha); nine grandchildren, JaShon, Rasul, SaNia, Aniyah, Rajul, Jr., Samir, Jamahd, Zahir and Jailen; eight nephews, Kendall, Amin, Farad, Ali, Tremone, Lavelle, Michael and Rashean; five nieces, Sarita, Monique, Zenadia, Ayesha and Farrah; three uncles, Sam, Yule and Albert Carter; brother-in-law, Michael Lowe; and a host of other family and friends.

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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

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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