

*Celebrating the Life of
Winnifred Antoinette Thomas*

February 5, 1911 - April 10, 2016



"Miss Winnie"

Saturday, April 23, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

FEATHERBED LANE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

141 Featherbed Lane • Bronx, NY 10452

Rev. Lonnie H. Bryant, Officiating

Beverly McDew, Organist

Obituary

Winnifred Antoinette Gale Thomas (also known as Miss Winnie and Aunt Winnie) was born on February 5, 1911, in the Bombay District, Manchester, Jamaica, West Indies to parents, Lydia Gale and Alexander Gale. Miss Winnie was peacefully called home to be with her Lord and Savior on April 10, 2016. During her childhood years, Winnifred attended the Mizpah Elementary School. Upon completion of that education she was sent to Porus where she pursued an education in music. Her mother left her with her grandparents at the age of eleven for a better life in the United States. Miss Winnie was a member of Mizpah Moravian Church, Manchester, Jamaica. She was one of the best dressed young ladies in the church. She always wore her hat and gloves.

In 1935, Winnifred met and married the love of her life, George Thomas who predeceased her in 1988. From that union came six children: four girls and two boys. Her two sons, Randolph and Jack predeceased her as well as her only brother, Kenneth Gale.

Winnifred was a seamstress and a tailor. She made pants for men and boys and beautiful dresses for women and girls. Her passion was her cooking, Miss Winnie would cook every day. The roast beef and chicken, you would smell it a mile away; she loved to entertain.

Winnifred emigrated to the United States in 1966. She worked as a nanny for the Weinstein family from 1967 until her retirement in 1990. She was a member of Featherbed Lane Presbyterian Church from 1967 up until the time of her passing. She was a Deacon and at times would sing solos, she had the voice of an angel.

Winnifred (Miss Winnie) is survived by her daughters, Cynthia, Claudette, Norma and Patricia; granddaughters, Paulette, Jackie and Karen; grandsons, Paul, Ray, Patrick, Chad and Richie; twenty great grandchildren, eleven great-great grandchildren; son-in-law Robbie, daughters-in-law, Valrie and Daisy; two nieces, Beverley and Fay; sister-in-law Carrie Gayle and Donna, her caregiver of four years. Also mourning her loss are several cousins in Jamaica, England and Canada and many, many friends. She will be sadly missed.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional Hymn “The Strife Is O'er”

Prayer Rev. Lonnie H. Bryant

Scripture Reading Proverbs 4:10-27
Patrick Downer (great grandson)

Scripture Reading John 14:1-6
Jacqueline Scott (granddaughter)

Selection Elder Mildred McGee

Reflections Open (2 minutes each)

Tribute Rev. Bevon White

Selection Featherbed Lane Ensemble Choir

Poem Beverley Barr (niece)

Hymn “When Peace Like A River”

Obituary Chad Robinson (grandson)

Eulogy Rev. Lonnie H. Bryant

Final Viewing *Eternity Funeral Services Director*

Benediction

Recessional Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Interment

*Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York*

Repast

*Following the burial, please join the family
for repast in the Church's Hall.*

The Strife Is O'er

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, by Your wounds on Calvary
From death's dread sting Your servants free,
That we may live eternally
Alleluia!

When Peace Like A River

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain (may be sung after final stanza only):

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

I Spoke To God This Morning

I spoke to God this morning
And I'm so glad I did
It gave me so much comfort
To know that I was bid
To walk a little closer
And feel His warm embrace
Then left still all excited
Because I'm filled with grace.

I spoke to God this morning
Oh, I was truly blessed
Everything seemed positive
And this brings happiness
There is such sweet contentment
It's glory to my soul.
Praise God, praise God I'm happy
Happy he's in control.



Pallbearers

Dwight Downer (grandson)
Louis Robinson (grandson)
Chad Robinson (grandson)

Richard Burke (grandson)
Dwight Downer II (great-grandson)
Christopher Cochrane (great-grandson)

Acknowledgement

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