

Celebrating The Life Of

Thelma Missouri Augusta Hill

Sunrise
June 26, 1910

Sunset
March 27, 2017



Friday, March 31, 2017- 11:00 a.m.

Saint John Baptist Church

137 Fairmount Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07103

Rev. Patrick O. Council, Officiating/Pastor
Victoria Starr, Organist

Life's Journey

Thelma Missouri Augusta Hill (nee Kerr) was born June 26, 1910 in Ocilla, Georgia to the late Rev. Bryant Henry Kerr and Ida Jane (Davis) Kerr.

Thelma began working at the tender age of nine years old. She had to help care for her siblings because their mother died when they were very young. Because she had to work, Thelma only completed the fourth grade. However, she was a very smart and amazing woman. At age 19, Thelma married Mr. Willard Dalton, and to this union, Annie Vernice Dalton was born in 1929, the year of the great depression. Not long after Vernice was born, she moved to Florida, leaving Mr. Dalton behind.

Thelma worked many years as a migrant worker, picking everything from beans to yams. She was also a domestic worker for many years. She was always known to be a hard worker.

At an early age, Thelma's faith was very strong. She joined the Free Will Baptist Church in 1924, where she accepted Christ as her Savior. Thelma always found a church to worship the Lord. She visited many churches until she came to Orlando, Florida in 1939 and joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until she relocated to Newark, NJ. Thelma met Willis Hill while working and they married in 1942. To this union, four children were born, Winifred (passed in infancy), Willis Jr., Wilma Cornita (twins) and Marshall. The family relocated to Newark, New Jersey in 1954, in search of better opportunities. They joined St. John Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. O.B. Boyd also in 1954, Thelma helped organize the Nurse's unit, Trustee aides, and numerous choirs.

Thelma worked as Nurse's Assistant at Greystone Psychiatric Hospital, Morris Plains, NJ for sixteen years until she retired in 1972. Thelma enjoyed her family, and traveling to Florida and Georgia to visit her siblings and other relatives. She was an active member of St. John Baptist Church. She enjoyed singing in the choir, serving as a nurse's aide, and trustee aide. Thelma holds the honor of being the oldest member of St. John Baptist Church. Over the past few years, Thelma has not been able to attend church as she was used to doing because of limited mobility. She truly missed her church family, but enjoyed her weekly visits from, Mrs. Lou Bertha Spann and Ms. Lettie Milton especially. She also enjoyed visits from Pastor Patrick Council, the deacons that offered monthly communion and various other members of her church family along with long-time family friends.

Thelma was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many.

Thelma is predeceased by her children: Winifred Hill, Marshall Hill and Annie Vernice Moore; five brothers, John, George, Ulysses, Lester Kerr and Joseph. Thelma departed this life peacefully in her sleep.

Thelma leaves to cherish her memory and mourn their loss, her children: Willis Hill Jr. and Wilma Cornita Hill Davis (Newark, NJ); two sisters: Margaret Wiggs (Palatka, Florida) and Geraldine Mitchell (Jacksonville, Florida); ten grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and fourteen great-great grandchildren. She also leaves to mourn a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

A special thanks to her caretakers at Alaris Health Care Center, Cedar Grove, New Jersey.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

**Processional Clergy and Family
Final Viewing**

Hymn of Celebration

Scripture Readings
Old Testament – Psalm 23
New Testament – John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection
Pastor Alline K. Graham

Reflections (three minutes please)

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Reading of Obituary (Life's Journey) silently

Musical Selection
Choir

Message of Comfort
Rev. Patrick O. Council
Pastor/Teacher, St. John Baptist Church

Mortician In Charge ~ Recessional
'Going Up Yonder'

Interment
Fairmount Cemetery
620 Central Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07107

Repast

Following the Interment family and friends are invited back for a repast in the church fellowship hall.

To Those I Love

When I am gone, just release me, let me go so I can move into my afterglow. You mustn't tie me down with your tears; let's be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love, you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone. So grieve for me for awhile, that we must part; so bless the memories within your heart. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

Pallbearers

Anthony Kerr
Todd McClendon
Kaleem Ahmad
Khalil Ahmad

Robert Kerr
Tariq Ahmad
Akil Ahmad
Darryl Ramsey

Acknowledgement

The family of **Thelma M. A. Hill** wish to acknowledge all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy, compassion and concern shown to them during their time of loss.

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