

Celebrating The Life of
Mother Bessie Mae Thomas

Sunrise
November 30, 1927

Sunset
June 18, 2017



Reflections of Life

Mother: Bessie Mae (Spencer) Thomas
A Loving Mother and Faithful Christian
November 30, 1927 - June 18, 2017

Mother Bessie Thomas was born to the late Gertrude Williams and Ollie Spencer in Camden, Alabama.

She accepted Christ at an early age..faithfully attended Saint Johns' Baptist Church, Camden, Alabama, with her parents, sisters, brothers and relatives.

She developed her love for God and Our Savior Jesus Christ. In her early 30's, she moved to Paterson, New Jersey, with her parent-where she immediately joined Solid Rock Baptist Church on Railroad Avenue. The building fund allowed the members to buy bricks to build a new church, on Spring Street. Mother Thomas bought numerous brick to build a new Solid Rock Church.

During her almost 60 years... as a member, Mother Thomas served faithfully on Solid Rocks' Missionary Board and as a Deaconess. Solid Rock Baptist Church recognized and acknowledged her faithfulness and awarded her as being a "Church Mother".

She was predeceased by her son, Sneca, one brother, Reuben Spencer and one sister, Ida Mae Thomas.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: two daughters, Mollie Ann Count (Henry) of Haverstraw, New York, Barbara Thomas-White (Robert) of Clifton, New Jersey; three sons, Fred Bragg of Boston, Massachusetts, Deacon James E. Ramsey and Elder Elbert T. Ramsey (Debra) of Paterson, New Jersey; niece/raised as daughter, Juanita Boyd of Paterson, New Jersey; nephew/raised as son, Minister James Shadi Thomas (Tina); step-sons, Lawrence Ramsey (Veronique) of Montclair, New Jersey and Chris Ramsey of Florida; step-daughter, Lisa Ramsey of Orlando, Florida; sisters, Reverend Doctor Gertrude Taylor (Walter) of Browns Mills, New Jersey, Minister/Evangelist Clara E. Baker of Paterson, New Jersey and Retired/Head Pastor: Pastor Anne Palmore, Pastor of Church of New Vision, Bronx, New York; fifteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Praying Mother Thomas can be heard saying, "Jesus is my all and all"

Friday, June 23, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

SOLID ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

195 Spring Street
Paterson, New Jersey
Rev. Bennett Johnson III, Pastor



Order of Service

Officiating: Pastor Solid Rock Baptist Church

The Processional Clergy and Family

Selection “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

The Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Barbara Thomas-White (daughter)

New Testament

Selection “Safe In His Arms”

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Clara Baker

Selection..... “I Won’t Complain”

Poem Phenomenal Women

Reflections Barbara White (daughter)

Pastor Anne Palmore (sister)

Elbert Ramsey (son)

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Selection “He’ll Understand It Better By and By”

Words of Comfort Pastor Bennett Johnson III

Recessional

Interment
George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

Phenomenal Woman

BY MAYA ANGELOU

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.

I'm not cute or built to suit
a fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them,
They think I'm telling lies.

I say,
It's in the reach of my arms,
The span of my hips,
The stride of my step,
The curl of my lips.

I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.

I walk into a room
Just as cool as you please,
And to a man,
The fellows stand or
Fall down on their knees.

Then they swarm around me,
A hive of honey bees.
I say,

It's the fire in my eyes,
And the flash of my teeth,
The swing in my waist,
And the joy in my feet.

I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.

Men themselves have wondered

What they see in me.
They try so much
But they can't touch
My inner mystery.
When I try to show them,
They say they still can't see.

I say,
It's in the arch of my back,
The sun of my smile,
The ride of my breasts,
The grace of my style.

I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.

Now you understand
Just why my head's not bowed.

I don't shout or jump about
Or have to talk real loud.
When you see me passing,
It ought to make you proud.

I say,
It's in the click of my heels,
The bend of my hair,
the palm of my hand,
The need for my care.
'Cause I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.



Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Mother Bessie Mae Thomas** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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