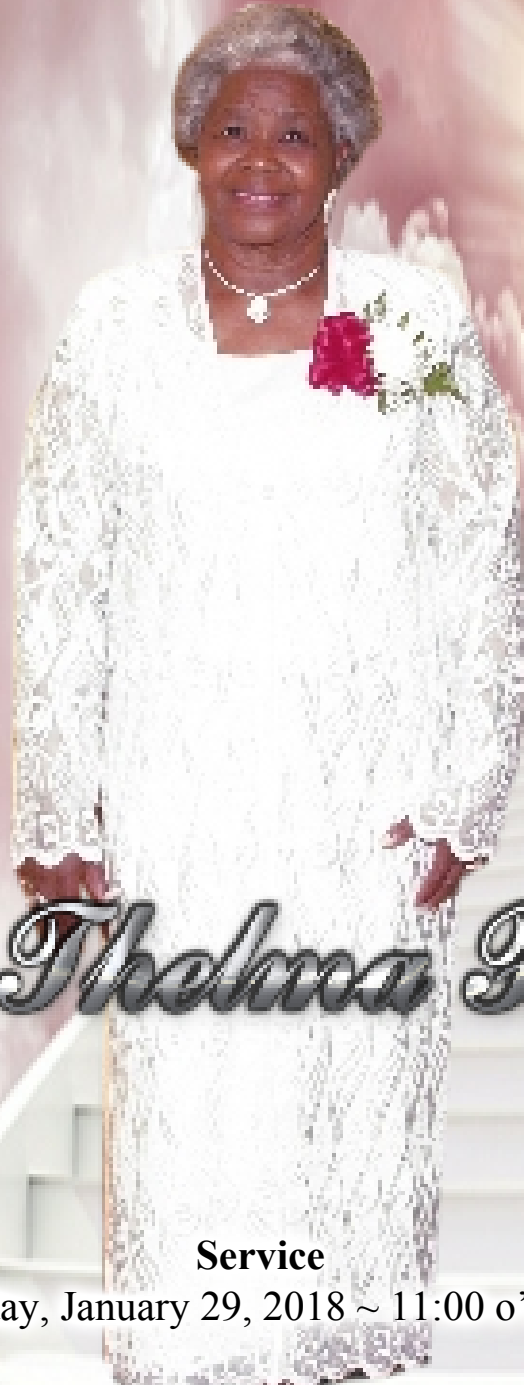


*Homegoing Service*  
*Celebrating the Life and Legacy*  
*of*



*Mother Thekna Foreman*

Alpha:  
June 19, 1930

Omega:  
January 22, 2018

**Service**  
Monday, January 29, 2018 ~ 11:00 o'clock

**Bibleway Deliverance Center**

1149 St. George Avenue  
Roselle, New Jersey 07203

**Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Pastor and Presiding Prelate**

## Reflections of Life

**Mother Thelma (Bay Gaines) Foreman** was born in Newark, NJ on June 19, 1930, the daughter of the late Roosevelt Gaines, Sr. and Thelma Constance Hampton Gaines. She was reared in Elizabeth, NJ and attended Elizabeth Public Schools and was known as “Bay Gaines” throughout the community and abroad. Her early Christian education began at Liberty Baptist Church under Rev. Tyler T. Thomas. There she taught Sunday School, and was a member of the Adult and Emergency choirs.



In 1979, she joined Bibleway Deliverance Center under the leadership of Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, and served untiringly for nearly 40 years. She took a front row seat and became a pillar of wisdom, strength, and beauty in every aspect of Kingdom building. Scores of pastors and ministers would come to Bibleway for worship and expected to see the radiant smile of this sainted mother in Zion. She was a loving, caring and sharing lady distinguished by style, class, and top of the line fashion. While she was both cordial and facilitating, she was also a firm, strict, no nonsense mother who was not afraid to employ disciplinary action and correction when necessary.



Mother Foreman loved to travel and accompanied her Pastor in Deliverance Rallies and Crusades across the country. She rarely missed a service and was always front and center. She was a staunch supporter of the ministry and lead by precept and example. She loved, supported and blessed her children, and was blessed to witness a family of four generations. She was a crowned jewel to her family, church, and the nations.

Mother Foreman graduated with Bachelor and Master Degrees in Religious Education from Evangelical Bible Institute of Newark, NJ. She loved the Word of God and was a great Dean of Instruction teaching Sunday School faithfully every Sunday morning for decades. She worked in every aspect of ministry and was currently serving as President of the Pastor’s Banquet Committee, President of the Deaconess Board, President of Mother’s Board, Superintendent of Sunday School, Supervisor of the Kitchen Committee, member of Missionary Board, Radio Guild, Building Fund Committee, and Church Mother. She formerly served on the Nurses Board and Senior Choir. Because of her longevity, support and dedication to ministry, she has been dubbed “National Mother” and “Queen” of Bibleway Deliverance Center.



Mother Foreman was predeceased by two brothers, Roosevelt (Sonny) Gaines, Jr., and Richard (Dickie) Gaines; four sisters, Beatrice Gaines (Bea), Dorothy (Dot) Colley, Leanora Hall, and Annette Kearney. She leaves to mourn, one daughter, Rita Gaines-Reaves; two sons, Ray Harvey Gaines, Jr. and Kevin Salters; seventeen grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; a special friend/sister, Marcella Williams; two spiritual daughters, Overseer Vanessa A. Nero and Donna Jackson; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. We love you, Momy, Nana and Auntie Bay and God loves you more!



Lovingly submitted,  
The Family

# Order of Service

Worship Leaders.....Bishop Keith Young, General Vice President,  
Overseer Vanessa A. Nero and Overseer Ernest Vaughan

Processional.....“Sweeping Through the City”  
Bishops, Pastors, Mothers, Deacons, Deaconess and Family

Scriptures  
Old Testament.....Minister Marjorie Spearman  
New Testament.....Evangelist Tayae Brown

The Gospel.....Elder Vincent E. Ford

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Brenda Stamper

High Church Hymn.....“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Remarks (2 minutes please).....Deacon Robert T. Carter, Dr. Brenda Stamper,  
Mother Willie Mae Mosley and Overseer Ernest Vaughan

Selection.....“Bibleway Voices of Deliverance”

Resolutions, Acknowledges & Condolences.....Evangelist Aletheia Carter  
Deaconess Sharon Gaines and LaTysha Gaines-George, Granddaughter

Poem.....Jr. Deacon Isaac Carter

Family Tributes.....Ray H. Gaines, Jr., Son

Selection.....Psalmist Faith Perkins

Remarks (2 minutes please).....Pastor Larry D. Chadwick, Overseer Vanessa A. Nero and Bishop Keith Young

Sermonic Selection

Favorite Melody.....”I’ll Tell It Wherever I Go!”

Eulogy.....Bishop Wayne L. Johnson  
Pastor and Presiding Prelate

Altar Call and Prayer

Recessional

Resting Place.....Rosehill Cemetery, Linden, New Jersey

*Immediately after the Interment, Family and Friends are invited  
to return to the Church where a Repast will be served.*

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**Pallbearers**

Grandsons of **Mother Thelma Foreman**

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Deacon Board of Bibleway Deliverance Center

**Flower Bearers**

Mother's, Deaconess and Missionary Board

*Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the road  
and the sun has set for me, I want  
no rites in a gloom-filled room.  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little, but not too long  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared.*

*Miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all  
must take and each must go alone.*

*It's all part of the Master's plan,  
a step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
go to the friends we know, and  
bury your sorrow in doing good deeds.  
Miss Me, but Let Me Go.*

**Acknowledgement**

The family of **Mother Thelma Foreman** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

