

In Loving Memory of
Jacqueline L. Thomas

Sunrise: November 22, 1943

Sunset: September 27, 2022



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022 - 11:00 AM

St. Paul's Life Center

355 Badger Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

Bishop Hilton Rawls, Officiating

Obituary

Jacqueline Lavern Thomas was born to the late Sanford T. Sheppard and Queen Esther Lott in Waynesboro, Georgia on November 22, 1943.

Jacqueline attended Burgess Landrum High School in Millen, GA where she graduated with a high School diploma. She then moved to Newark, New Jersey in 1963 where she resided until her death.

Jacqueline was blessed with a large loving family. She was married to the late L.C. Thomas in Newark, New Jersey. To their union were 5 children, Alethea Currie Smith, Harold Lee Thomas (Elizabeth Thomas), Alinda Shay Thomas, Audrey Weekes (Courtney Weekes) of GA, and Vanessa Thomas.

Jacqueline worked at Conrad Hanovia for 40 years where she retired from, at the age of 62. She was a devoted member of the Faith Fellowship World Outreach Center for many years. She was a Deacon and worked in the children's ministry. She also conducted home bible study and worked in nursing home ministry. Jacqueline loved God and made it her business to pick up friends and grandchildren to make sure they went to church.

Jacqueline loved and cherished her family. She was the matriarch of the family. She hosted all the family gatherings.

Jacqueline is survived by her brothers Thomas Shepard, Alvin Monroe Sheppard and by her sisters Lessie May Thompson, and Dorothy Ann Richmond(Bartrelus Richmond). She is preceded in death by her sisters Laura Rodgers, Marilyn Johnson, Nancy Sheppard, and by her brothers Leroy Sheppard, John Lee Sheppard, and Willie Clyde Mitchell. Leaves behind 24 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Jacqueline Lavern Thomas will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Order of Service

Selection : Toby Carson

Old and New Testament: Dr. Brian Rawls Sr.

Prayer of Comfort: Dr. Brian Rawls Sr.

Selection: Toby Carson

Obituary: April Jackson

Selection: Toby Carson

Eulogy: Bishop Hilton Rawls

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

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

Pall Bearers:

Devonne Giles Duwun Priestster

Terrell Smith Trey Smith

Trevin Thomas Lorenzo Sheppard

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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