



CELEBRATION  
OF

*Life*

FOR



*Mary Denise Thomas*

May 26, 1958 - May 2, 2023

**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**

Homegoing Celebration: 9:00 a.m.

**JOSEPH H. BROWN JR. FUNERAL HOME**

2140 N. Fulton Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland



## Obituary

**MARY DENISE THOMAS** (affectionately known as Necey to both relatives and friends) was born on May 26th, 1958 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Reverend Jacob Wells Sr. and Mamie Ruth Wells. Mary was called home to Glory on May 2nd, 2023 after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. Mary was the eldest of five children born to Mamie and Jacob with her sister Angela preceding her in death.

Educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, Mary took great pride in the fact that she was a NorthWestern WildCat. When the Wells family moved to the Grove Park neighborhood in 1968, she met Theodore Thomas and in 1976 they wed. To this union, a son, Rico Domaine Thomas Sr. was born and he was truly the apple of her eye; that is, until the birth of her grandson whom she lovingly referred to as Hercky. Throughout her lifetime Mary took on various occupations such as department store sales associate, housekeeper, security guard, warehouse worker, and safety officer, but her main passion was always Cosmetology. She had a love for doing hair that stemmed from her time as a teenager in the seventies when she would braid down all of the boy's afros that lived in the area. Throughout the years many of her loyal clients became lifelong friends. Mary was very talented with her hands and as an avid crafter could often be found sewing, crocheting, and creating beautiful jewelry and dolls adorning African attire. Mary would also take on many home improvement projects with ease and enthusiasm once she moved into her first home. Mary was a true people person that seemed to make friends wherever she went; whether in a new neighborhood or at a new job. Mary was blessed with only one son and grandson, but she adored and was a lover, nurturer, and great protector of all children. She was a mother figure to many including her second sons Dante Brown and Paul Matthews and loved to spend time with Treah and Talen Brown. Mary's favorite color was red which was fitting because she adorned a lively and vibrant personality. She loved life and from a very young age could be found listening to music, dancing, dressing up, and wearing fabulous hats. As an adult, Mary enjoyed traveling and would venture to Casinos across the country to play slot machines with her husband Theodore. Most importantly, Mary was a deeply devoted and loyal wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, Aunt, Godmother, and friend to all who were blessed to know her. She will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband, Theodore Thomas; son, Rico Domaine Thomas Sr. (Shannon Morgan); grandson, Rico Domaine Thomas Jr.; brothers, Jacob Wells Jr. and Marvin Wells (Rhoda); sister, Renee M. Wells; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Branch, Irene Vaughn, and Betty Morton; brother-in-law, Edwin Thomas; nieces, Shakeya C. Foreman Esq. (Tyree), (great-niece, Cassidy Foreman), Keeaira V. Wells, Monique Wells (great-nephews, Sean Fields and Del-Vaughn Stokes), Shacondra Wells, Jasmine Wells; nephews, Tavon D. Wells (great-nephew, Isaiah Wells), Kai S. Leviner; special nephew-in-love Linwood Branch along with a great host of cousins, relatives, and friends.





# Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN ..... *"Blessed Assurance"*

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament - Proverbs 3:5-6

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SOLO ..... *"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*

REMARKS (selected individuals)

Linwood Branch

Renee Kellum

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Yvonne Ferrell

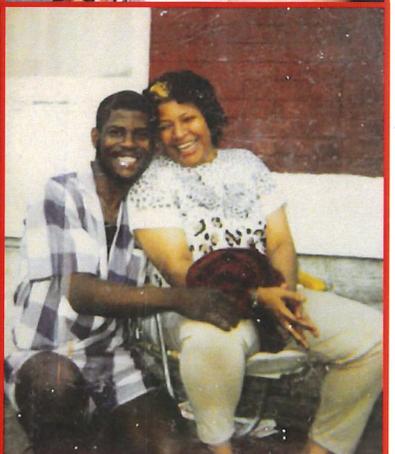
OBITUARY ..... Shakeya Foreman

EULOGY ..... Rev. Chiara A. Noble

CLOSING PRAYER

RECESSIONAL ..... *"My Life is in Your Hands"*







## *Mary,*

*I will never forget in 1976 my father told me that it takes two links to make a chain rattle and that I should always remain calm when you were upset. I tried to live our life this way, making certain that our relationship endured - being the best husband and friend I knew how to be because I vowed that nothing in this world other than death would separate us. Rest well and one day I take ease in knowing I will see you again in heaven.*

*Lovingly submitted, Theodore*

## *Mom,*

*I really love and appreciate you for everything you've done for me. You've raised me from a baby to a boy and now to a man who stands here without you. You kept me under your wing in order to show me right from wrong. You did everything for me that a mother could possibly do for a son. If I could turn back the hands of time and do a little more for you (because you deserved the world) I would. You cared not only for me but for everyone that came into my life and for that I am eternally grateful. Anyone who knew you loved you. I wish that I could touch your hand again. I wish that I could hear voice again. I wish that I could see your smile again or just listen to your laugh. And one day I know I will. You meant so much to so many people but especially me, my father and Lil Rico. We will miss you. You will forever be in our hearts.*

*I love you forever.*

*Your son, Rico*

## *Ya-Ya's Gone to Heaven*

*One quiet day the angels came  
And took Ya-Ya far away  
But in the stillness of the night  
I could almost hear her say*

*Dear Hercky - I will miss you  
You mean so much to me  
But Jesus called me to His side  
In Heaven I will be*

*A place of God's great beauty  
No tears or earthly cares  
Only peace and joy forever  
And love beyond compare*

*So remember all the good times  
Don't think about the sad  
Treasure all the special moments  
Through the years we've always had*

*And if you trust in Jesus  
I can promise this and more  
You will get a hug from Ya-Ya  
Someday on Heaven's golden shore.*



## *Missing You Always Sister*

*Another day goes by without you  
Another day to reminisce  
About all the times we shared together  
And everything I miss.  
Flowers by graveside  
Photos in a frame  
I still feel you all around me  
But nothing feels the same.  
If I could see you for a minute  
I know what I would do  
I'd freeze that moment in heartbeat  
So I could stay with you.  
I know someday we'll be together  
In a place not far away  
And my heart will not be broken  
Like it is today.  
Lovingly submitted, Your Siblings*

## *Interment*

Woodlawn Cemetery  
2130 Woodlawn Drive  
Baltimore, Maryland  
(Immediately following Service)

## *Pallbearers*

Dante Brown	Ronald Williams
Greg Brown	Derrick Harrison
Derrick Christian	Gregory Eggleston

## *Flower Bearers*

Family and Friends

## *Acknowledgement*

The family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during its hour of bereavement.

## *Repast*

Following Interment at 1:00 p.m.  
Gala Center  
1700 Hill Drive  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244