

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 His 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 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 undo grief
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Acknowledgement

The family of Patricia Thomas wishes to express deep appreciation and gratitude to everyone for the many kind thoughts, words, prayers, calls, and other expressions of love; they are greatly appreciated. May God grant his blessings upon you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

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A Celebration of Life for Patricia Thomas



August 28, 1924 - February 20, 2017

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017
12:00 P.M.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
44 UNION AVENUE
MANASQUAN, NEW JERSEY
REV. MICHAEL MORGAN, PASTOR

Order of Service

Opening Hymn “Lead Me, Guide Me”

Invocation.....*Reverend Gerald A. Schenck*

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Psalm 23
Marcey Thomas

New TestamentI Thessolonians 4: 13-18
Jean Thomas

Selection..... “How Great Thou Art”
Michael Leslie

Prayer of Consolation *Deacon Jackie Key*

Acknowledgements/Reflections.... (please keep remarks to 2 minutes)

Obituary *Dr. Jerome Covington*

Selection.....“Going Up Yonder”

Eulogy.....Reverend Michael Morgan

Recessional.....

Interment

Monmouth Memorial Park
Tinton Falls, New Jersey



Repast

Shiloh Baptist Church Dining Hall
Manasquan, New Jersey

Obituary

Patricia Thomas, 92, of Brielle, NJ passed away peacefully at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune, NJ in the early morning on Monday, February 20, 2017 with her family at her side.

Patricia was born on August 28, 1924, in Rice, VA. She was the youngest of seven children, born to the late Sarney and the late Lealia Watson. Patricia attended Brielle Elementary School and Manasquan High School, Manasquan, NJ.

Sarney and Lealia had a solid Christian foundation and raised their family accordingly. Patricia was baptized at an early age at Shiloh Baptist Church, Manasquan, NJ where she remained a faithful member for many years.

After graduating from Manasquan High School, she began her career working for the Federal Government in Bradley Beach, NJ. She then met and married Walter M. Thomas, and from that union three children were born. Patricia continued her 37 year career as a procurement specialist, retiring in 1985 from Fort Monmouth, NJ.

Patricia was a woman of faith, who spent much of her life serving at Shiloh Baptist Church, where she served as treasurer, pianist, and as a member of the Women's Ministry. In addition to her church-related activities, Patricia enjoyed knitting, word games, and spending time with her family and beloved dog, *Honeybear*.

Patricia was predeceased by her husband, Walter M. Thomas; son, Matthew; grandson, Corey J.; sisters, Kate Wallace, Virginia Clark, and Nellie Payne; and brother, George Watson.

She is survived by her son, Rodney W. (Jean) of Neptune, NJ; daughter, Kathie R. of Brielle, NJ; granddaughter, Marcey M. of Old Bridge, NJ; granddaughter in-law, Yiisa of Neptune, NJ; two great grandsons, Isaias and Isaac, also of Neptune, NJ; as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted
The Family

Patricia Thomas