



Pallbearers

Stephan Thompkins | Osric J. Newton | Gary Newton
Walter Newton | Stanley Johnson | Pete Milton

Honorary Pallbearers

Mothers' Board of
Greater Mount Canaan Missionary Baptist Church

Farewell Dear Mother

SOMEWHERE IN OUR HEARTS, BENEATH ALL OUR GRIEF AND PAIN;
IS A SMILE WE WEAR AT THE SOUND OF YOUR DEAR NAME. THE
PRECIOUS WORD IS MOTHER, SHE WAS OUR WORLD YOU SEE; BUT
NOW MY HEART IS BREAKING, CAUSE SHE'S NO LONGER HERE WITH
ME. GOD CHOSE HER FOR HIS ANGEL, TO WATCH US FROM ABOVE;
TO GUIDE US AND ADVISE US, AND KNOW THAT WE ARE LOVED. THE
DAY SHE HAD TO LEAVE US WHEN HER LIFE ON EARTH WAS THROUGH,
GOD HAD BETTER PLANS FOR HER, FOR THIS, WE SURELY KNEW. WHEN
WE THINK OF HER KIND HEART, AND ALL THOSE LOVING YEARS; OUR
MEMORIES SURROUND US, AND WE CAN'T HOLD BACK THE TEARS. SHE
TRULY WAS OUR BEST FRIEND, SOMEONE WE COULD CONFIDE IN; SHE
ALWAYS HAD A TENDER TOUCH AND WARM AND GENTLE GRIN. WE WANT
TO THANK OUR MOTHER FOR TEACHING US SO WELL; AND THOUGH THE
TIME HAS COME. THAT WE MUST BID YOU FAREWELL. WE'LL REMEMBER
ALL YOU TAUGHT US, AND MAKE YOU PROUD YOU'LL SEE; THANK YOU, FOR
OUR DEAR MOTHER, FOR ALL THE LOVE YOU SHOWED ME. ALTHOUGH
YOU'VE LEFT THIS EARTH, AND NOW YOU'VE TAKEN FLIGHT; WE KNOW
THAT YOU ARE HERE WITH US, EACH MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT.

Acknowledgements

The family of Catherine Thompkins acknowledges their sincere appreciation for your acts of kindness, your prayers, visits, phone calls and words of comfort. - *The Thompkins Family*

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR *Catherine Thompkins*

JUNE 3, 1928 - APRIL 14, 2019

Thursday, April 18, 2019
11:00 A.M.

GREATER MOUNT CANAAN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
2573 Wheeler Road
Augusta, Georgia



Reverend Dr. Victor Thomas, Pastor
- Officiating -

The Obituary

CATHERINE LEVERETT THOMPKINS, a positive force within her community, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at the age of ninety while surrounded by family, at University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia.

Catherine was born on June 3, 1928, in Lincolnton, Georgia, to the late Will and Georgia Leverett. She was the youngest of several children, all of whom preceded her in death.

After relocating to the Augusta, Georgia area, Catherine was raised and received her education in Richmond County.

Catherine held several positions, to include maid, soda fountain worker, and dental aide, prior to her employment with the Augusta Richmond County Recreation and Parks Department. After joining the Recreation and Parks Department, Catherine held positions as a Play Leader, Playground Supervisor, and a host of other titles until she landed the dream role of Senior Adult Supervisor. As such, she traveled by car, van, bus, airplane and/or cruise ships taking senior citizens on adventures like never before. She served in this position until her retirement in 1996.

Although she was awarded numerous accolades during her more than thirty years of service, being the Richmond County Recreation and Parks Department's Employee of the Year, in 1985, was an honor. Catherine initiated and successfully maintained all Senior Citizens Programs and guidelines for the department within the CSRA. She was recognized for outstanding service in the Field of Recreation and Parks by the State of Georgia; she was the 1996 recipient of the Connie Knight Senior Adult Program, and an avid supporter of the Georgia Golden Olympics.

She was a committee member tasked by the Governor of Georgia to establish solutions and guidelines for the Nursing Care Industry in Georgia.

Her commitment to her community was just as important to her professional work as she was a member of the Silver Haired Legislature and the Key Women of America. She was a member of the Augusta/CSRA Older Women's League and a member of the Augusta Port Authority.

As a founding member of the Sand Hills Community Organization, she used her city and government contacts to ensure the organization received funding for its goals and vision.

She was a life-long member of the Greater Mount Canaan Baptist Church where she served on the Mothers' Board, Sunday School Teacher, sang in the church choir, and served as Superintendent of Sunday School.

Catherine was married to Clarence Thompkins, Jr., who preceded her in death, as did one daughter, Benita C. Burns.

Survivors include: two sons, Jackie Leverett (Yvette) and Clarence Thompkins, III; five daughters, Andrea Jordan, Linda Bennett, Marsha Newton (Walter), Georgette Shaw (John) and Kathleen Thompkins; eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; devoted friend, Robert Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, special friends and church family.



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 PLACE 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 ONES TOUCH.
PERHAPS MY TIME SEEMS 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.

The Order of Service

Prelude

Processional Mrs. Rosalyn Floyd
Medley of Hymns

Selection Choir and Congregation
"I'll Be Singing Up There"

Invocation Reverend Willie R. Rivers
FIRST DAY SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH

Scriptures
Old Testament Reverend Rufus Copeland
GARDNER GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
New Testament Reverend Louis T. Coley
OLD PINEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Solo Jackie Leverett Bostick
"To God Be The Glory"

Reflections Jack Leverett
ON BEHALF OF THE THOMPKINS CHILDREN
Cordelia Catherine Moragne
ON BEHALF OF THE GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN
Deacon Wesley Johnson
Mrs. Eleanor Carr
Deacon Charles Murray

Acknowledgements Ms. Amber McKay

Eulogy Reverend Dr. Victor R. Thomas

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