



## Estelle Reese Thomas

June 29, 1923 - April 12, 2016

Estelle Reese Thomas was born on June 28, 1923 in Chester, South Carolina to Grace and Walter Reese. God called her home to be with him on April 12, 2016. The seventh of nine children, she was baptized at age 12 at Old Wilson Church where she served as an usher. Nicknamed “Peaches” as a girl, she was known as Grandmother Peaches and was famous for her peach cobbler, her rolls, and her cakes.

Estelle lived most of her life in Baltimore, Maryland where she married Wilbert Thomas and raised their four daughters and three sons. Wilbert preceded her in death.

She was a certified cook and worked in the capacity in the Baltimore City Public Schools for eighteen years before retiring; she also held a certificate for Home Nursing.

Sister Thomas served as God as a faithful member of the Israel Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland for over 60 years. She was a member of the usher board and had served as its President. She was also an active member of the Senior Citizens Ministry and enjoyed trips with them as near as St. Michaels, Maryland and as far as Toronto, Canada. Sister Thomas served as a missionary and with the Helping Hands Ministry.

Estelle Reese Thomas was an example and inspiration to her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren because of her faith in God and her service in his name. Her prayers have been the wind beneath their wings. Of her, we can say, "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." (Matthew 15:28)

she was an inspiration also because of her determination and perseverance. After retiring, she enrolled in Basic Education classes and was recognized as an outstanding student and for perfect attendance. At age 65, she got her driver's license and bought a brand new car. She travelled by airplane to visit her sisters in Chester, South Carolina and to the National Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. She was the senior member of the Greater Baltimore Chapter of Blacks in Government and attended the Million Woman March in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Estelle leaves to cherish fond memories: her seven children, Barbara C. Motley (Adolph), Joan B. Pinkey (Paul), Wilbert Thomas Jr., Edgar C. Thomas (Miriam), Phyllis A. Burton (David), Maggie Palmer (Eric), and Terry D. Thomas; nine grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; one sister Bettye M. Brown of Dayton, Ohio; nephews, nieces, cousins and a host of other family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 17. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

APR 18. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Isreal Baptist Church  
Preston & Chester Street  
Baltimore, MD 21205

## Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Preston & Chester Street  
Baltimore, MD 21205



# Tribute Wall



“ *Estelle Reese Thomas*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14 1-3)*

*Be comforted with these words as Mother Thomas has gone to live eternally with her Father. She lived a life that reflected the mind of Christ. She will always be remembered as the woman of God who came home to South Carolina in August during big meeting week at Old Wilson Baptist Church. As the evangelist delivered the Word, she and her sisters responded to the Word of God with a resounding voice of "Amen"; it is so!*

*She will be missed without any doubt, but we rejoice to know that her name is written in the Lambs Book of Life!*

*Dewey and Jacqueline Lowry  
McConnells, SC*

Jacqueline Lowry - April 18, 2016 at 08:23 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolence to the family. May The Most High God comfort and sustain you all as you throw your burdens upon him during this difficult time.(Psalms 55:22)*

T. Parker - April 16, 2016 at 06:34 AM



“ *My condolences to the family of Estelle Thomas. May you find comfort in knowing that soon our enemy death will be a thing of the past. 1 Corinthians 15: 26*

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**L.H.** - April 15, 2016 at 07:35 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - April 14, 2016 at 10:05 AM