

Honorary Pallbearers

Son Grandsons
Son-in-law Great-grandsons

Active Pallbearers

Timothy Coleman Jr. Jesse Curtis
Pal Nelson Pernel Brown III
Richard Connor Mike Pannell

Flower Attendants

Deaconess

To My Seeds

I have few worldly goods to leave you, but something of far-better worth, a hope in Christ that will sustain you which I trust you'll cherish much. We've traveled life's road together many merry days we've spent, always struggling to go forward never turning to look back. And I trust that I have planted in those lives which I hold dear, seeds of trust, hope, and kindness that will sustain you through the Year. When your burdens seem the greatest turn to Him who loves you most, He is always there to guide you if you're only at your post what you learned at G-Ma's knee, dear, teach your children now to share, G-ma can't be with you always but her love will linger there never let your trust be shaken in the one who gave you life, He's the one and only dear in this world of endless strife. Then I'll feel when life has ended and the golden shore I've reached, I'll look back on earth again dear and see that life was well spent. When the evening sun is setting and the twilight growing dim, let us look to the bright horizon where there's rest and peace within.

Love, G-Ma

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late **Ms. Geneva Smart Thomas**, would like to thank each of you for your phone calls, visits, thoughts, prayers and selfless acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. Some of you traveled to be with us today and some of you prepared meals out of love for us. Any way in which you've shown your concern during this time of grief is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered by us. We pray God's perfect peace upon you and that each of you are blessed one hundred-fold.

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A **HOMEGOING** *Celebration*



Geneva Smart Thomas

August 13, 1935 - July 27, 2016

Service

11:00 AM, Saturday, August 6, 2016

Open Arms Christian Fellowship

2763 Dunn Avenue

Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Bishop Leofric Thomas, Officiating

Her Story



Geneva "G-Ma" Smart Thomas was born Baby Ruth Smart on Tuesday, August 13, 1935 at 12:15am in Nahunta, Georgia to Ms. Lilla Mae Smart. She was lovingly given the legal name of 'Geneva' by her uncle Rayfield Smart.

Geneva worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant and Phlebotomist at St. Vincent's Medical Center and retired in 1998 after over 20 years of dedicated service. The words love, sacrifice, and faith describe how Geneva lived her life and showed care and concern for her family and friends, as well as members of the community.

Geneva was a born again Christian who loved the Lord. She lived her life sharing her love and faith in God with everyone she encountered. She became a Missionary at The House of Worship, under the leadership of the late Evangelist Irene Gamble before uniting with Elder Billy Brock at Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church. Later, in 2001, she joined Open Arms Christian Fellowship, within the Tribe of Asher, under the leadership of Bishop Leofric Thomas. She was a faithful member of the WINGS and Pacesetters Ministry until her health began to decline.

After giving herself untiringly to others, Geneva received her eternal rest on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 10:34 pm. Her mother, uncle and older brother Ishiah Williams (Uncle Jr.) preceded her in death.

Geneva leaves to cherish her memory and keep her spirit alive, her children, Don Earl Thomas, Raneldia Jean Thomas, and H. Lynette Brooks (David, Ret. USN); grandchildren, Shannon Thomas (LaDawna), Malcolm Thomas, Donnetta Thomas, Don E. Thomas Jr., Jordan Jolly, and Gen'Navia Jolly; great-grandchildren, Brandon R., Kamiah, Deanna, Malcolm Jr, Olesha, Brandon J., Karleek, Taylor, Madisyn, Isaiah, Zachariah, Dionni, and Myles; *god-daughter*, Maybell Murphy; *grand-daughter*, Tameka Gray; she also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, co-workers, Grand Park Community Members, Open Arms Family, and *adopted* and natural family members throughout the United States.

Order of Service

- Processional "Going up Yonder"
- Selection OACF Choir
- Prayer Elder Cobb
- Scripture:
 - Old Testament Elder Townsend
 - New Testament Minister Evans
- Praise Dance Kamiah Thomas
- Reflections (2 Minutes Please)
 - Deacon Sanders
 - Wanda Range
 - Shannon Thomas
- Acknowledgements Malcolm Thomas
- Selection OACF Choir
- Words of Comfort Bishop Leofric Thomas
- Recessional "Joy of Sweeping Through The City"

Interment

Edgewood Cemetery
 4519 Edgewood Avenue
 Jacksonville, Florida 32219

Repast

Open Arms Christian Fellowship Hall