

Acknowledgements

We acknowledge with deepest appreciation, the great outpouring of sympathy and warm consolation, showered upon us.

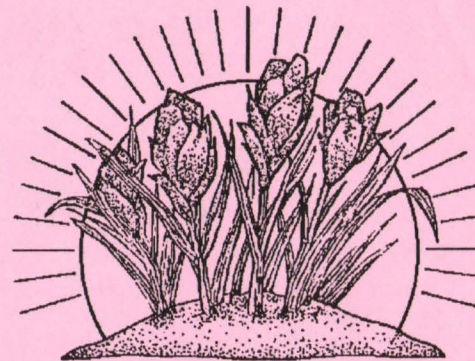
You have lifted our hearts with your prayers, cards, flowers, food, fellowship, and other kind deeds.

We thank you from the depths of our hearts and ask God's richest blessings for each of you.

The Family of Ida Bell Thomas

PALLBEARERS

Seattle Fire Department
Station No. 36



Funeral Director

Southwest Mortuary
9021 Rainier Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98118

Interment

Washington Memorial Park
16445 International Blvd
SeaTac, WA 98188

Celebrating her Homegoing



Ida Bell Thomas

SERVICE

Saturday, September 6, 1997
10:00 a.m.

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

1634 19th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98122

Rev. Allen Benson
Officiate

Ida Bell Thomas

Ida Bell was born in Hawkinsville, Georgia on April 4, 1880. After living there for 106 years, she relocated to Seattle, Washington. For several years after moving to Seattle, she travelled frequently, back and forth, to Georgia, Miami, and West Palm Beach.

She lived through both World Wars and fifty plus years. It is believed that she held the distinction of being the oldest living person in Washington State, possibly the United States, and potentially the world.

In the Delridge area where she resided with her family, she was an institution. The firefighters at Seattle Fire Station No. 36, responded to a medic call when she was 115. Every since then, they claimed her as their adopted grandma and have given her a birthday party every year.

Mrs. Thomas thrived on hard work, faith and wit. She was religious, had a sense of humor, and would *get on you* and yell right up to the end. Fried chicken, greens, and peach pies, served at family Sunday dinners, were her specialties. She also liked singing hymns. In recent months when she couldn't get around much, she would sit in her recliner, sing and kick her feet.

At the age of 117 and beloved by everyone who knew her, Ida Bell Thomas died of heart failure on Tuesday, September 2, 1997. Three daughters, one son, and one brother preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish many sweet memories, four daughters, Sarah Green, Annie R. Powell, Lucille Itson, and Rosamae Whitehead; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, great great great grandchildren, a large extended family and lots of friends.

As I take my journey home, let there be no tears of sorrow, for I have lived a full life; a life filled with love and happiness.

Shed no tears of sorrow; I have seen generations of my ancestors, and have watched them grow.

Shed no tears of sorrow; I have overcome the pain that life sometimes brings.

Shed no tears of sorrow, my children, I'm on my journey home; be happy for me.

Shed no tears of sorrow

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE

Mr. Darryl Liggett

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Allen Benson

INVOCATION

MUSIC

Precious Lord
Mr. James Mitchell, Soloist

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23
Luke 2:29
Rev. Tyrone Cobb

PRAYER

Rev. Roy Long, Sr.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Rev. LaVerne C. Hall

A FITTING TRIBUTE

Ms. Kindness Woods

OBITUARY

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MUSIC

His Eye is on the Sparrow
Mr. James Mitchell, Soloist

EULOGY

Rev. Allen Benson

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL