

State University of New York College at Buffalo - Buffalo State University

## Digital Commons at Buffalo State

---

Hopewell Baptist Church

Church Collections

---

10-7-2010

### Obituary; 2010-10-07; Thomas, Beulah

Hopewell Baptist Church

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/hopewell-baptist>



Part of the [History Commons](#)

---

#### Recommended Citation

"Obituary; 2010-10-07; Thomas, Beulah." Hopewell Baptist Church. Monroe Fordham Regional History Center, Archives & Special Collections Department, E. H. Butler Library, SUNY Buffalo State. <https://digitalcommons.buffalostate.edu/hopewell-baptist/70>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Church Collections at Digital Commons at Buffalo State. It has been accepted for inclusion in Hopewell Baptist Church by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons at Buffalo State. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@buffalostate.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@buffalostate.edu).



*Inheriting  
the  
Kingdom*

*Beulah K.  
Thomas*

*Our Beloved*



*Remembering the Life of*  
**BEULAH K. (PEEBLES) THOMAS**

*October 28, 1943 ~ October 7, 2010*

Our sun rose on October 28, 1943, the day that Thero and Flora Thomas were blessed by God with the birth of our mother, Beulah K. Thomas.

She was born into a very large and closely knit family and often reminisced of those years spent on the family farm in Romulus, Alabama. She was a woman of integrity who credited her grandfather, the late Russell (Papa) Thomas with instilling in her strong Christian and family values. Papa believed that any act of love, compassion or humanity was a manifestation of the God within us and that no one could profess to love God without first professing to love their brother.

She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and often spoke fondly of her baptism in Romulus' very own Jordan River. She was a member of Holley Springs Baptist Church when she resided in Alabama. She became a member of Hopewell Baptist Church, under the shepherding of the late Reverend John F.D. Lyles when she moved to Buffalo, New York.

Beulah and James Matthew Peebles were united in holy matrimony in Green County, Alabama and God blessed their union with five children: Rodney, Tonya, Janice, James and Tony. The family later moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama before finally settling in Buffalo, New York.

Beulah was formerly employed in various capacities. Her employers included the Buffalo Board of Education, St. Augustine Center, and West Seneca Developmental Services. Positions held in our world were top chef, best beautician, and most dependable day care provider; however, her most enduring titles will forever remain those of humble servant of God, dedicated mother, devoted grandmother, and forever friend. She was the kind of mother who led by example, made learning important, and instilled family unity as a firm foundation. At our school, she served as a "classroom parent" before the concept had even gained popularity. Her heart full of God's love extended to other children as well as she cared for them as a foster parent. She lovingly opened her home to those in need.

Our sun set on October 7, 2010 when our Queen Bee peacefully entered into her eternal rest. She was preceded in death by James Peebles, her parents, and siblings Cleveland Thomas and Gerita Thomas.

We, your survivors, pledge to forever honor your legacy and cherish your memory - your loving children: Rodney (Hyokcha) Thomas (Junction City Kansas), Tonya Thomas, Janice (Gregory) Nelson, James (Teresa) Peebles (Portsmouth, Virginia), Tony (Leslie) Peebles; your god daughter, Camille Lee; your grandchildren: Kameshia Stevens, Krystal Thomas, Shantel Thomas, Felicia Thomas, Bria Thomas, Lamar Williams, Julian McNeill, Rayshawn Williams, Ebony Nelson, William Jacob Nelson, Kimberly Wiggins, James Peebles, Jermaine Peebles, Jacquelyn Peebles, Ashley Gaston, Monteque Gaston, Ebony Gaston, Raquel Peebles, Jamie Peebles, Rajashia Peebles, Tony Peebles, Tonisha Peebles, LaToya Peebles, Tony (Mister) Peebles, Chania Peebles, and Bailey Davis.

Additional survivors include aunts Valeria Dixon and Mecky Lewis, niece Patricia Thomas, nephew Jerry Thomas (all of Alabama) and a host of great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010

*Wake 11 AM · Funeral Service 12 Noon*

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

1301 Fillmore Avenue · Buffalo, New York 14211

Reverend Dennis Lee, Jr., Pastor

*Officiating*



Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Readings

*Old Testament: Psalm 23*

*New Testament: John 14:1-6*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Poem Readings

*Ebony Nelson & Rayshawn Williams*

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

INTERMENT

Forest Lawn Cemetery

*“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in.”*

MATTHEW 25:34-35



*Our Beloved*



*In Loving Memory of*

BEULAH K. (PEEBLES) THOMAS



PSALM 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
for ever.*

# *Our Family ...*

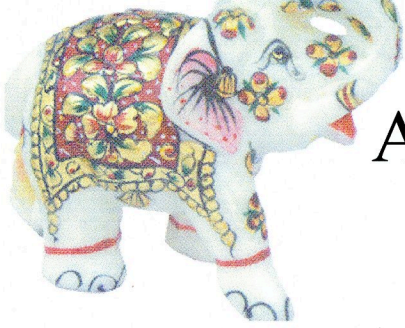


## *Black Beautiful Angel*

Black angel I see your wings, black angel do you see me?  
Black angel I see your shine, black angel you will always be mine.  
Black angel always in my heart but still we will be apart.  
Black angel your beauty shines like a rose on a vine,  
Black angel please turn back time.  
Black angel you are on my mind.  
Black angel I love you dear, black angel please stay near.  
Black angel you were my guardian on earth,  
Now you guard me up in heaven no more earth.  
Black angel please save room for me,  
Black angel it is destiny.

*Ebony (Baby Girl) Nelson*





# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## PALLBEARERS

Julian McNiell  
Jermaine Peebles

William Jacob Nelson  
Tony Peebles  
Rayshawn Williams

James Peebles  
Lamar Williams

## THE CARE OF OUR LOVED ONE

Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Home, Inc.  
995 Genesee Street · Buffalo, New York 14211  
(716) 894-4888 · [www.thomastedwardsfuneralhome.com](http://www.thomastedwardsfuneralhome.com)  
*Mr. Darrell Saxon II, Funeral Director*

## INTERMENT

Forest Lawn Cemetery  
1411 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14209

## THANK YOU

Robert Schuller said that, "Our grief always brings a gift. It's the gift of greater sensitivity and compassion for others. We learn to rise above our own grief by reaching out and lessening the grief of others." The family of Beulah Thomas expresses their heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone who has reached out to lessen our grief, may God bless you. Your gifts of sensitivity and compassion have been a great source of comfort to us.

*The Family of Beulah K. Peebles Thomas*



© Program Design and Printing by:  
Image by Design · Eileen A. Hord · (716) 636-8302 · [eileenhord@aol.com](mailto:eileenhord@aol.com)