

### FLOWER BEARERS

Granddaughters and Great Granddaughters

### **CASKET BEARERS**

Grandsons and Great Grandsons





Frances Lewis Thompson January 14, 1928 - July 15, 2018

And when that final,
sacred moment came
Mama slipped
just beyond our grasp;
and Daddy embraced her
with open arms
welcoming her
"Home At Last"

## Acknowledgement

There are those whose lives death cannot diminish because their love radiates forever in the hearts of family and friends.

We felt that love in your presence today and in every kindness shown to us during this very difficult period of love and loss.

In our sorrow, we have witnessed your love and concern; And we sincerely appreciate your abiding your friendship.

## The Thompson Family



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# HOME-GOING CELEBRATION FOR Mrs. Frances Lewis Thompson



"Her children arise up, and call her blessed."
Proverbs 31:28

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018 12 NOON

UNION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH 300 25TH STREET, NW WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND KONNIE G. ROBINSON, PASTOR/EULOGIST

## The Mother of Six Generations

"Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not, until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come." Psalm 71:18

Mrs. Frances Lewis Thompson was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on January 14, 1928. She was the third of four children born to the late Jacob and Carrie Patton Lewis. She was educated in the pubic schools of Winston-Salem and attended Atkins High School.

Frances Lewis married Willie Thompson, Jr. in 1945. Their union was blessed with the birth of six children, four daughters and two sons. The couple was happily married for fifty-seven years prior to Willie Thompson's death on July 10, 2002.

Mrs. Thompson was a seasonal tobacco worker outside of the home for a very brief period. She soon realized that the best career for her was one where she could manage her own home and family. She, along with her husband, created a home so filled with love that it would nuture six generations. Each member knew exactly where home was and who was the head mother. She was not only committed to the care of her children but when they brought their children home her commitment only grew. Family gatherings and home cooked meals were only some of the joys found at her house. And the warm and welcoming environment found there was often so inviting that many friends and neighbors would be seated at the table.

She spoiled her children, grands and great grands with love and affection. She treasured each one in their own special way. Too many examples to mention. She also enjoyed reading, traveling and shopping sprees. Red was her favorite color! And that should be of no surprise to anyone because red symbolizes "energy," "strength," "war," "determination," "power" and "love." And that was everything Frances!!

Frances Lewis Thompson passed away at her home in Winston-Salem on Sunday, July 15, 2018 and went home to live with the Lord. And fittingly, she was surrounded by the family that she has loved and cared for for many generations. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Narvell Thompson; a grandson, Kerry Thompson; her sister, Martha Lewis; two brothers, Henry and John Lewis; and a sister-in-law, Lottie Thompson.

Those family members who survive and who will forever cherish loving memories of her include her children, Gloria Jean Cain, Margaretta Rice, Mae Thompson, Willie Thompson III, and Carrie Thompson; thirteen grandchildren, Debra Jean, Penny, Artanzia (Chris), Tyrone Jr., Anthony, Michael (Shenell), Evette, Delander, Lavette, Timothy, Johnny, Bryant (Monica) and Willie; twenty four great grandchildren; thirteen great great grandchildren; and a great great great granddaughter; a brother-in-law, Narvell Thompson; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Prelude Organist

Procession Clergy and Family

Family Visitation Period 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Opening Selection

**Choir-Congregation** 

The Holy Scripture

Old and New Testament Reading Minister Malcolm Lewis Fellowship Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Larry Smith Pastor, Mars Hill Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Musical Tribute Miss Kimberlee Mykel Thompson

Poetry Tribute Bryant Keith Thompson

Solo Mrs. Carla Fenner

Eulogy Reverend Konnie G. Robinson Pastor, Union Chapel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Recessional Choir



### THE INTERMENT

Evergreen Cemetery Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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Family Meal Union Chapel Fellowship Section

### "The Last Request"

Please don't say that I gave up,
Just say that I gave in;
Don't say I lost the battle,
For it was God's war to lose or win;

Please don't say how good I was, But that I did my best; Just say I tried to do what's right, To give the most I could, not less;

Please don't give me wings or halos,
That's for God to do;
I want no more than I deserve,
No extras, just my due;

Please don't give flowers
Or talk in real hushed tones;
Don't be concerned about me now,
I'm well with God, I've made it home;
Don't talk about what could have been
It's over and it's done.
Just see to all my family's needs
Especially the little ones;

When you draw a picture of me
Don't draw me as a saint;
I've done some wrong
So, use all of your paint;
Not just the bright and light tones
Use some gray and dark;
In fact, don't put me down on canvas
Paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember the bad;
For life is full of so many things,
Some happy and some sad;
But if you must do something,
Then I have one request,
Forgive me for any wrongs I've done,
And with the love that's left,
Thank God for my soul's resting.
Thank God for I've been blessed.
Thank God for all who loved me.
Thank God, I'm now at rest!

-Unknown