

The Celebration Life
For
Ms. Arnell Mamie(Granny) Thompson

Sunrise

February 16, 1921
Surry County, NC

Sunset

January 31, 2016
Surry County, NC



Saturday
February 6, 2016
One O'clock
L.H. Jones Auditorium
Mount Airy, NC
Rev. Natasha P. Franklin, Eulogist
Rev. John O. Hairston, Officiating
Interment
Ararat Cemetery
Mount Airy, NC

Order of Service

Processional
Earth's Final Glimpse 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Musical Selection..... Rock Hill Baptist Church
Words of Comfort.....Pastor Chadd Manns
..... (Ararat Missionary Baptist Church)
Scripture
Old Testament.....Rev. David Webster
New Testament Elder Charles McDaniel
Invocation of Prayer
Musical Selection.....
Obituary(Read Silently)
Acknowledgements/ Church Resolutions.....Sherry Franklin
Family Reflections Nikiesha Franklin
..... *Oldest Great-Granddaughter*
Musical Selection..... Rock Hill Baptist Church
Eulogy:..... Rev. Natasha P. Franklin
.....(Rock Hill Baptist Church)
Recessional (People Standing)/Selection
Committal Benediction
Interment..... Ararat Cemetery
.....(Mount Airy, NC)
Final Flight.....(Spencer Funeral Home Staff)

Flower Bearers

Great Nieces

Casket Bearers

Great Nephews

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Obituary

Ms. Arnell Mamie Thompson, 94, of Mount Airy, NC was the seventh child born on February 16, 1921, to the late Charlie and Nora Thompson. She entered peacefully into eternal rest on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at Golden Living Center in Mount Airy, NC.

Arnell was an active member of Ararat Missionary Baptist Church until her health declined. She worked for years as a housekeeper for several families in Mount Airy, and was loved dearly by all of those whom she encountered. Arnell was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She was the oldest member of the Thompson family at 94 years old, the longest of anyone in the family. She loved watching baseball, dancing, and listening to music. Arnell was also a beloved aunt and great-aunt to her nieces and nephews, as well as a respected member of her community. Although she was very direct and meant what she said, she was a very loving and caring person.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Almarie T. Franklin, her granddaughter, Betty M. Franklin, her great-granddaughter, Ashley D. Ward, and her siblings, Lillie Thompson Alexander, Curtis Thompson, Cora Bell Thompson Hughes, Elizabeth Thompson Holmes, Rosa Thompson Dyson, John D. Thompson, Alfondus Thompson, Kathleen Thompson Mills, and Robert Thompson.

She leaves to cherish her memories, four grandsons, Glen "David" (Lisa) Franklin Jr of Greenville, NC; George (Sherry) Franklin of Goldsboro, NC; Robert (Natasha) Franklin of Rural Hall, NC; Julian (Tonya) Rawley Sr. of Mount Airy, NC; sixteen great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, and a host of special nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. The family would like to say a special thank you to Barbara Jean France, Edward and Vickie McDaniels, Betty Lou Rawley, and the entire Golden Living Center Staff for their devotion to Arnell during her time of illness.

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I've savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

Acknowledgements

The Thompson and Franklin Family wishes to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness shown to them during this time of our bereavement. Your continuous prayers are appreciated. Thank you to all of those who took time to visit, call, or send cards to Arnell during her duration at Golden Living Center. The Family would like to say a special thank you to Edward and Vickie McDaniels and Betty Lou Rawley for providing care to Arnell, to the entire Golden Living Staff for providing excellent care, and especially to her niece Barbara Jean France for caring for Arnell and checking on her weekly without being asked. You are all greatly appreciated and we cannot thank you enough.

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