



IN LOVING MEMORY

*Phyllis E. Thomas*

JUNE 21, 1930 – JUNE 2, 2021



THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

WAKE: 10:00 AM – FUNERAL: 10:30 AM

ST. ADALBERT PARISH

2347 EAST 83<sup>RD</sup> – CLEVELAND, OHIO 44104

# Order of the Mass

Processional.....	
Family Visitation.....	10:00-10:30
Opening Hymn.....	Blessed Assurance Sandra Gay Chapman
Placing of Christian Symbols	
First Reading	
Responsorial Psalm	
Second Reading	
Alleluia	
Gospel Reading	
Homily	
	Father Gary Chmura
Prayers of Intercession	
Communion Hymn:	
	Great Is Thy Faithfulness .. Sandra Gay Chapman
Obituary (Read silently)	
Meditation Hymn: It Is Well...	
	Sandra Gay Chapman
Family Remarks	
	(LIMIT TO 2 MINS.)
Final Blessing and Commendation	
Closing Hymn: .....	Going Up Yonder Sandra Gay Chapman



## INTERMENT

Calvary Cemetery  
10000 Miles Ave –Cleveland, Ohio 44105

## PALLBEARERS

Family & Friends

# Obituary

Phyllis Elaine Walcott Jennings Thomas was born June 21, 1930 to the late Allan Walcott Sr. and Sadie Tobias in Cleveland, OH. Phyllis was the eldest daughter of six children: Allan Jr. and Albert, Xenophon, Lemuel, and Monica, all deceased.

Phyllis attended Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament School and Church, the first Black Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Cleveland and received her sacrament of Holy Communion in 1939. She attended St. Edward's High School, graduated in 1949 and started a career in the garment industry as a seamstress. She inherited her love of sewing from her grandmother, who was also a seamstress.

Phyllis met and married Frank Jennings, a supervisor for Westinghouse Electric and former Army serviceman, and from this union came four children, Gregory, Bryce, Francine, and Eric. Phyllis was a resident of the City of East Cleveland for over fifty years and was an active member of the Third Avenue Street Club. Frank and Phyllis raised their children in the Catholic faith, where they attended St. Philomena Catholic School and later, Shaw High School in the East Cleveland Public School District. Years after the death of Frank, Phyllis met and married Eddie Thomas.

After the closing of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Phyllis joined St. Adalbert Catholic Church and was a member until her death. She was also an active member of the Ladies of St. Peter Claver, an auxiliary group of the Knights of St. Peter Claver. Phyllis volunteered with Hunger Center of Cleveland for many years until its closing. Phyllis had an eye and love for antiques and thrifting and opened her business, Cedar Thriftique Shop which sat on the corner of 86th Street and Cedar Ave. She operated the store until 2001 and entered retirement. Phyllis's store was a staple of the developing Fairfax Business District. During retirement, you could find Phyllis keeping up with her hobbies of stamp collecting, crafting, and thrifting. Phyllis continued to be a constant support in the lives of her children, grandchildren, and extended family. An avid bibliophile, Phyllis boasted a library that contained a variety of topics ranging from African American studies to Native American herbal practices.

Phyllis E. Thomas departed this life on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. She was in the company of her daughter, Francine and took her wings in the afternoon to enter eternal rest. Phyllis leaves to mourn her passing, her daughter- Francine Jennings; grandchildren, Taran, Nakia, La'Ron, Melinda, Erika, and La'Sharon. Those who preceded Ms. Thomas in death are as follows: Frank Jennings, husband, Eddie Thomas, husband, Bryce and Eric Jennings, sons, and Shannon Walcott, grandson. Phyllis leaves a host of nieces, nephews and friends who loved her just as much as she loved them.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED  
THE FAMILY

## God's Garden

God looked around His garden,  
And found an empty space.  
He then looked down upon the Earth,  
And saw your precious face.  
He put His arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest;  
God's Garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain;  
He knew you would never  
Get well on Earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb  
So, He closed your weary eyelids,  
and whispered, "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE FAMILY SINCERELY APPRECIATES ALL ACTS OF KINDNESS SHOWN DURING THIS  
TIME OF BEREAVEMENT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, COMFORTING  
WORDS, PERSONAL VISITS AND CALLS. WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO KEEP US  
IN YOUR PRAYERS. MAY GOD BLESS AND FOREVER COMFORT YOU.

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