

*Pallbearers*

Sons and Friends

*Flower Bearers*

Friends

*Final Arrangements Entrusted To*

Scott-McPherson Funeral Home, Inc.  
4000 Lloyd Nolan Parkway  
Fairfield, Alabama 35064

*Interment*

Lakeview Historical Cemetery  
Edgewater, Alabama

*Repast*

The Guiding Light Church

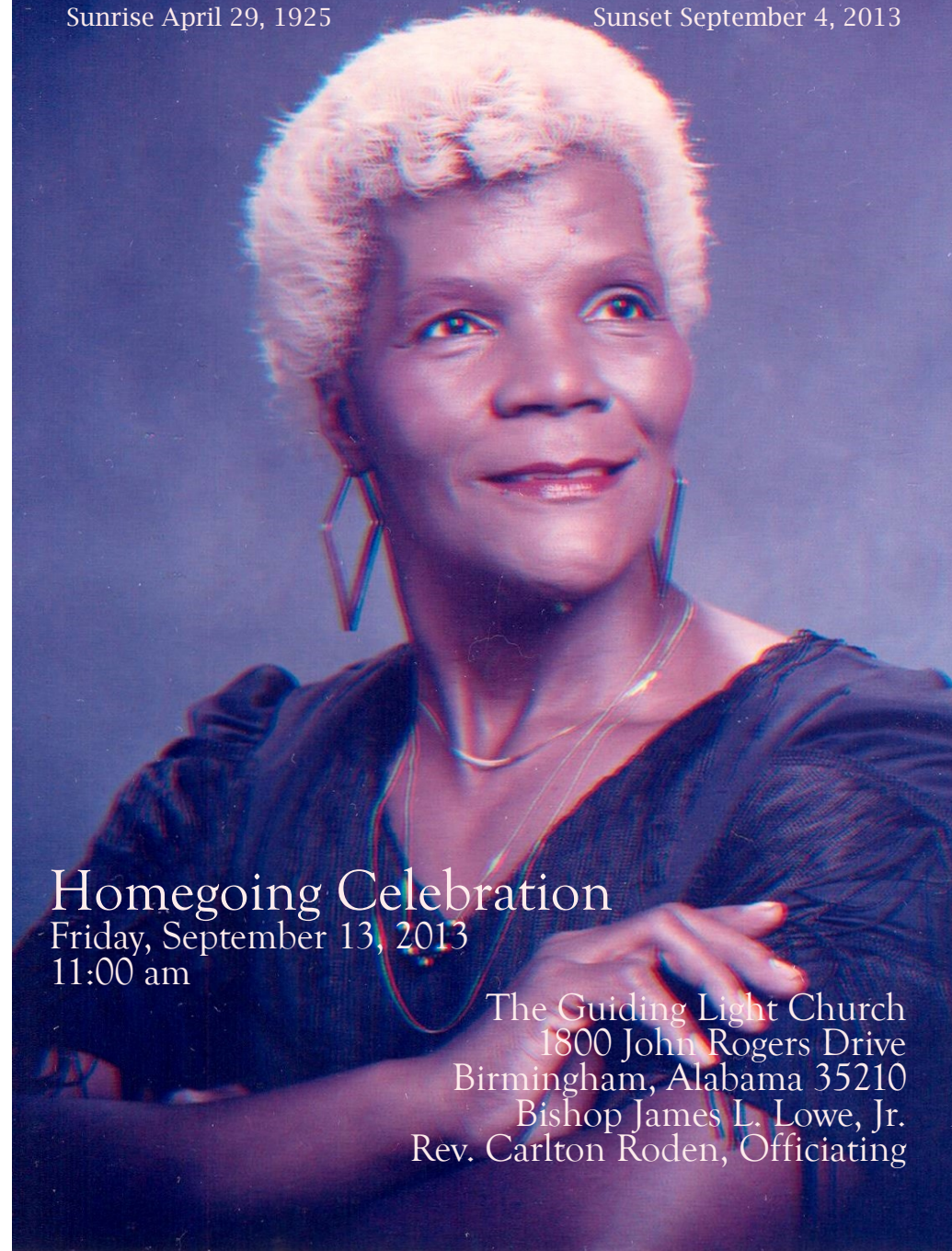
*Acknowledgement*

Words are inadequate to explain the heartfelt love, gratitude and thankfulness for your acts of love shown during our loved one's illness and demise. We will always be eternally appreciative to each of you. May God forever richly bless and keep each of you is our prayer. Again, Thanks.

*Sarah Mae Thomas*

Sunrise April 29, 1925

Sunset September 4, 2013



**Homegoing Celebration**

Friday, September 13, 2013  
11:00 am

The Guiding Light Church  
1800 John Rogers Drive  
Birmingham, Alabama 35210  
Bishop James L. Lowe, Jr.  
Rev. Carlton Roden, Officiating

## *Transitions of Life*

Sarah Mae Thomas was born April 29, 1925 to the late Frank and Emma Gooden in Birmingham, Alabama. She was the second of six siblings. She confessed Christ at an early age and joined 22nd Avenue Baptist Church. She attended Church, Sunday School and sang in the choir.

She attended the Birmingham Public School System and was a graduate of Industrial High (Parker). After completing her education, she moved to California and worked as a Postal Clerk for three years.

After relocating back to Birmingham, she married the late James A. Thomas. She united with Rising Star Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Agee Hamilton. She worked with the Missionary and Matron Society.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Mitchell of North Carolina, brothers Charles Gooden of Cleveland, Ohio, Frank Gooden of Birmingham, Alabama, sister Ora Reese of Birmingham, Alabama and one sister-in-law, Willie Ruth Gooden of Birmingham, Alabama.

After a brief illness surrounded by her family, she made her earthly transition of life to her life with the master on September 4, 2013 in the MICU at St. Vincent's Medical Center.

Cherishing her memories are three daughters, Patricia Thomas, Emily (Bill) Ellis, Beverly (Earl) Peterson, all of Birmingham, AL; three sons, David (Melinda ) Thomas of Michigan, James (Pat) Thomas, of Birmingham AL; and one loving and devoted sister, Hannah (Phillip) Crowder of Birmingham, AL. She was a mother and grandmother to Michelle Thomas of Buford, GA, one sister-in-law, Lucille Gooden of Cleveland, Ohio, eleven grand children, nine great grandchildren, one great great grand child and a host of other relatives and friends.

## *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection "A Melody of Praise" Frank Taylor, Jr.

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Rev. James H. Brooks  
Pastor, New Pilgrim Baptist Church

New Testament Minister Natalie Washington

Prayer Minister Lawrence Conaway

Moments of Memory Rev. Roger Shack

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Proclamation From The City of Birmingham

Solo Ms. C. Armstrong

Celebration of Life

Solo Ms. Patricia Thomas

Eulogy Rev. Carlton Roden  
Pastor, Shady Grove Baptist Church, Pinson

Recessional When We All Get to Heaven

