A Life Celebration

honoring

Thelma B. Scott

Saturday, August 30, 2003
3:00 p.m.

EAST FLORIDA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TEMPLE
3950 Juanita Avenue ~ Fort Pierce, Florida

Dr. Simel Davis, Pastor/Officiating Assembly of GodFaith Temple
My Life

First, I must say, Lord I thank you. You began guiding a little
girl named Thelma on April 17, 1938. In trusted in the care of
three loving parents. Sanford “Bill”, Cora, and Annie Lou
Benjamin of Rochelle, Georgia. I enjoyed a happy childhood,
surrounded by ten brothers and sisters. I successfully completed
my primary and secondary education at Excelsior Elementary
and High School in Rochelle, Georgia.

On July 24, 1956, you blessed me with a beautiful daughter,
CaSandra. In 1957, CaSandra and I moved to Fort Pierce,
Florida. Upon arriving in Fort Pierce, I immediately gained
employment at Jimmie Barr Record Store and the Port St. Lucie
Country Club. I worked there for several years; then began
employment with Sears Roebuck and Company. During this time,
I met and married Harvey Lee. During our union, we gave birth
to three more wonderful children; Cheryl, Lesia, and Harvey.
Later, our union dissolved.

After working several jobs with four small children, I decided
to pursue a career in cosmetology. So, I entered and graduated
from Miami Barber School in Miami, Florida. After completing
school, I worked in several shops in Fort Pierce.

On December 20, 1967, I married David R. Scott, the love of
my life. Together, David and I raised our children, which had
now grown to five, with the addition of our newest daughter, Tia.
 Knowing that this clan needed my constant monitoring, support,
and discipline, I changed careers in 1968 and became a school
crossing guard and eventually drove school buses for St. Lucie
County Public Schools. This change was wonderful for my
children and me and allowed greater flexibility in meeting the
needs of my family.

Throughout my life, I always enjoyed helping people, my
family, and friends; especially if it involved shopping with my
friend, Jackie. Also, I enjoyed most sports, particularly softball
and bowling. I am happy that many of my grandchildren acquired
my abilities and love for sports.

My personal relationship with God has always been special to
me. As long as I can remember, I've always enjoyed going to
church. My most cherished experiences were being a founding
member of the Assembly of God Faith Temple Church, Fort
Pierce, Florida and serving in my roles as Program Coordinator,
Deaconess, and Mother of the Church.

God has granted me my most precious life desires; to see
each of my children grow into adulthood, successfully attain post-
secondary educations, and establish families of their own. My
children have filled my life with grandchildren and great-
grandchildren; who together have lavished countless joys upon
me. God has granted me the health and strength to complete my
life's work. And, He gave me David, a wonderful partner to share
my joys.

Lord, you've been good to me and I thank you.
God's Garden

God looked around His garden,
and found an empty space;
Then He looked down upon the Earth
and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you,
and lifted you to rest;
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering;
He knew you were in pain;
He knew you never would get well
upon this earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,
and hills were hard to climb
He gently closed those loving eyes,
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.
My Family

God has enabled my life to touch so many others. To rejoice and live, I leave with you a devoted and loving husband, David R. Scott; four daughters, CaSandra Benjamin-Smith, Cheryl Lee-Bennett, Lesia McCutchen, and Tia Donald; one son Harvey Lee Jr.; mother, Annie Lou Benjamin; mother-in-law, Bertha Scott; three sons-in-law, Ronald Smith, Johnny Bennett Jr. and Elige Donald; twelve grandchildren, TaKesha, Antonesia, Chato, Shenay, Johnny III, William III, Zacharey, Deona, Jade, Breona, Chudnei, Tyler; four great grandchildren, Jovanti, MikeDescha, Jordyn, and Jamari; eight sisters, Carrie Bell, Edna, Rosalind (Edd), Jacquelyn (Freddie), Nettie, Annie Ruth (Nathaniel), Tonya, and Angeline (William); thirteen brothers, Ronald (Dot), Sanford (Doris), James, Emory (Daris), Joe Louis, Willie, Eugene, Dwayne, Chauncey, Vincent, Roderick, Sanford III, and Michael Benjamin; Godchildren, Selita Meadows, Ernestine Sturgis, Yolanda Branch, Angela Johnson-Garcia, Joseph Chaney, Tavarial Norman, and Tobias Huewitt; three Godmothers, Alberta Edwards, Celia Harrell, and Lillie Mae Robinson; in-laws, Charles (Cecilia) Haywood, George (Bea) Shaw, Calvin (Willie Mae) Shaw, Harry (Beulah) Shaw, Charles (Marie) Shaw, Donnell (Beatrice) Shaw, Flora Shaw, Carol (Ronald) Shaw-Roberts, Betty Shaw, Janice (Domonic) Mensah, Miriam Shaw, Patsy Collins, Rose Haywood, Murry Shaw, Marie Shaw, Ann Shaw, Lillie Shaw; special nephew, Ryan McNeil; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving friends.
My Celebration
Bishop Quenton Thompkin, Presiding

PROCESIONAL/FINAL GLANCE

“Going Up Yonder”

SOLO - “The Lord’s Prayer”................. Pearl Davis

INVOCATION............................. Rev. Charles Hendley

SCRIPTURES:
Old Testament.......................... Rev. Dothan Richardson
New Testament.......................... Dr. Howard Coleman

FAVORITE SONGS
“Order My Steps”
Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Choir
“I Won’t Complain”........................ Ann Tolbert
“When I See Jesus”........................ Miavonti Shaw

RESOLUTIONS.................................. Church Clerk

REFLECTIONS:
As a Neighbor............................ Eliza Swoope
As a Friend............................... Jackie Walton & Larry Lee, Jr.
As a Sister................................. Rosalind Brown & Vincent Benjamin

SOLO........................................ Ann Tolbert

REFLECTIONS:
As a Christian............................ Betty Harris
As Mother of the Church.................. Betty Warren
As a Mother................................ Children

SOLO........................................ Greg Reed

“The Battle is Not Yours”

OBITUARY.................................. lantha Kennedy

SOLO - “Walk Around Heaven”.......... Mary Ann Carroll

SELECTION.............................. Assembly of God Faith Temple Choir

WORDS OF COMFORT........................ Dr. Simel Davis

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS..................... Stone Brothers Staff

RECESSIONAL.............................. Medley
Pallbearers

Grandsons & Godsons:
Johnny "AJ" Bennett III    Joseph Chaney
Zachary Smith    Tavarial Norman
William "JR" McCutchen III    Tobias Huewitt

Flower Attendants

St. Lucie County School Bus Drivers
Assembly of God Faith Temple Church
Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist
Friends and Family of Thelma

Our Thanks

Perhaps you sent a loving card
Or sat quietly in a chair
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest of words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

During this time, your love, support, and encouragement have been invaluable to us. As we proceed to live the lives that Thelma labored and hoped for us, your kindness will always bring some sun to our days ahead.

David, the children, Brownie, and the Scott Family

Interment

Hillcrest Memorial Gardens
6026 North U.S. #41    Fort Pierce, FL

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East Florida Primitive Baptist Association Temple

Services Entrusted to:

Stone Brothers Funeral Home
317 North 7th Street - Fort Pierce, Florida
(772) 461-1800

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