



Services will be 12:00 noon on Friday, May 8, 2015 at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church for Ms. Delores J. Peterson, 74, of Youngstown, who departed this life Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Mercy Health - St. Elizabeth Heath Center- Main.

Ms. Peterson, lovingly known as “Duke”, was born July 5, 1940 in Youngstown, a daughter of John and Myrtoria Daniels Thomas. She had worked as a domestic technician for various homes in the area. She was a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, its Usher and Choir Ministry. She enjoyed knitting, interior decorating, social games, and above all being with her loving family.

She leaves to cherish her beloved and precious memory, her daughter, Kimberly (Michael, Sr.) Peterson Ortiz; stepdaughter, Evette Black; two sisters, Goldina Burris of Atlanta, GA and Josephine Lozoway-Green of Garfield Hgts; two brothers Ronald Thomas and Freddie (Renee) Thomas both of Youngstown; four grandchildren, LaShawna (William) Hopkins, Monica, twins, Michael, Jr. and Marcus Peterson; 15 great grandchildren; 6 great great grandchildren; 6 great-great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her companion of over 30 years, A. Jack Black, who passed away in 2000; three sisters, Shirley Johnson, Bernita Carter and Regina Thomas; and two brothers, Charles Thomas and Gassaway “Coota” Thomas.

Friends may call Friday from 11:00 a.m – 12:00 noon at the church. Arrangements entrusted to the L. E. Black, Phillips & Holden Funeral Home.