



Services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 22, 2014 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church for Mrs. Elizabeth Hazel Thomas, 87, of Youngstown, who departed this life Sunday, November 16, 2014 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Thomas was born September 9, 1927 in Youngstown, a daughter of Henry D. and Rev. Grace Beasley Irby. She was a 1946 graduate of North High School and attended Youngstown College. She worked as a retail clerk for Bonds Clothing and was a domestic technician. She was a member of Community Church of God. Mrs. Thomas accepted Christ at an early age; she dedicated her life to sharing the gospel to anyone that would listen. She loved the Lord that was her top priority to be lead by the Holy Spirit to do His very will that was her purpose in life. She loved sharing, encouraging and giving to the ministers, ushers, young adults, and older saints which lead her to be very active in the church. She has worked in every capacity from the kitchen, choir member, youth leader, trustee, and her main love for being a “door keep” for the Lord. She enjoyed attending church conventions. She worked with the local, state and national Church of God Ushers, where she became President.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories, her husband, James B. Thomas II whom she married May 20, 1950; three children, Gail Louise (William) Norris of Winthrop Harbor, IL, Janette Elizabeth Thomas of Youngstown, and James B. (Cheryl) Thomas III of Cleveland; a brother, Galvin Irby of Portland, Oregon; five grandchildren; and a host of loving family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Virginia Jackson, Grace Howell and Ulois Hill; and four brothers, William, Henry Jr., Cardell and Clarence Irby.

Friends may call Saturday from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the church. Arrangements entrusted to the L. E. Black, Phillips & Holden Funeral Home.