

Thank You

We would like to thank you all for coming together to celebrate the life of Rheta. As you look back into your fond memories that included Rheta, we hope a smile comes over your face. That Rheta smile is what we want you to remember when you think of her. Sadness is an emotion we all have when a loved one leaves us behind. But please don't let that sadness captivate you when remembering Rheta aka mom, sister, grandma, cousin, aunt and friend; but be grateful for all the times that you had to share with her.

We pray that the sense of loss passes quickly but the memories of Rheta last forever.

The Hampton Brothers



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of **PRISCILLA RHETA HAMPTON** wish to express deep appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy during their time of bereavement.

Special Thank You to Summit Elder Services and Christopher Heights of Worcester

Professional Services Entrusted to:
Mercadante Funeral Home

Celebrating the Life Of



Priscilla Rheta Hampton

Sunrise: November 20, 1935

Sunset: March 9, 2024

Funeral Service
Thursday March 14, 2024
11:00 AM

At
Mercadante Funeral Home
370 Plantation Street
Worcester, MA 01605

Order of Service

Opening Prayer ~~~~~ Rev. Dr. Gizel Hampton

Scripture Old Testament ~~~~~ Ashia Hampton
Isaiah 57:1-2

Scripture New Testament ~~~~~ Sierra Hampton
1 Corinthians 15:42-44

Prayer of Comfort ~~~~~ Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Hughes Jr.

Hymn ~~~~~ Blessed Assurance

Tribute to Aunt Rheta ~~~~~ Brenda Pearson

Tribute to “Sissy” ~~~~~ Anne White

Obituary ~~~~~ Holly Hampton

Eulogy ~~~~~ Rev. Dr. Gizel Hampton

Acknowledgements ~~~~~ Sheldon Hampton

Closing Hymn ~~~~~ When We All Get To Heaven

Benediction ~~~~~ Rev. Dr. Gizel Hampton

Recessional

Interment: Hope Cemetery ~ Worcester, MA

PALLBEARERS

James Ward	Sheldon L. Hampton II
Blake J. Hampton II	Thomas Toney

Obituary

Priscilla Rheta (Toney) Hampton, 88, of Worcester, passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Saint Vincent Hospital.

Rheta is survived by three sons, Blake E. Hampton and his wife Linda of Chandler, AZ, William K. Hampton and his wife Holly of Green Bay, WI, and Sheldon L. Hampton and his wife, Rev. Dr. Gizel Hampton of Worcester; two brothers, Jack T. Toney and Donald Toney, both of Worcester; two sisters, Elizabeth A. White of Worcester and Elsie L. Price of Los Angeles; nineteen grandchildren; many great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Sadly, she was predeceased by two of her children, Debra L. Hampton in 1985 and Pinkney H. Hampton, Jr. in 2017. She was also predeceased by her former husband and father of her children, Pinkney Hampton, Sr., and by three siblings, William “Mickey” Toney, Alfred Toney, and Pearl Williams. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late, William and Elsie (Moffit) Toney.

Rheta grew up in Worcester and graduated from Girl’s Trade High School and lived here for many years raising her family. In the 1980’s she moved to Los Angeles where she operated a BINGO Parlor for several years, before moving to Henderson, Nevada, settling back in Worcester in 2019. Never being one to be idle, she maintained several jobs at any given time, from working as an office administrator for the Worcester Public Schools, to managing American Discount department store, to working as an aide at nursing homes.

She was proud of her family and her Nipmuc Heritage. She enjoyed bowling, BINGO, and was a member of the former Nokomis Temple at the Worcester Lodge of Elk’s IPBOEW.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Fanny J Crosby & Phoebe P. Knapp

Verse 1

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

Chorus:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, perfect delight!**

Verse 2

**Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

Verse 3

**Perfect submission, all is at rest!
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

Eliza E. Hewitt

Verse 1

**Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place.**

Chorus:

**When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory!**

Verse 2

**While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when trav'ling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh.**

Verse 3

**Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.**

Verse 4

**Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open;
We shall tread the streets of gold.**