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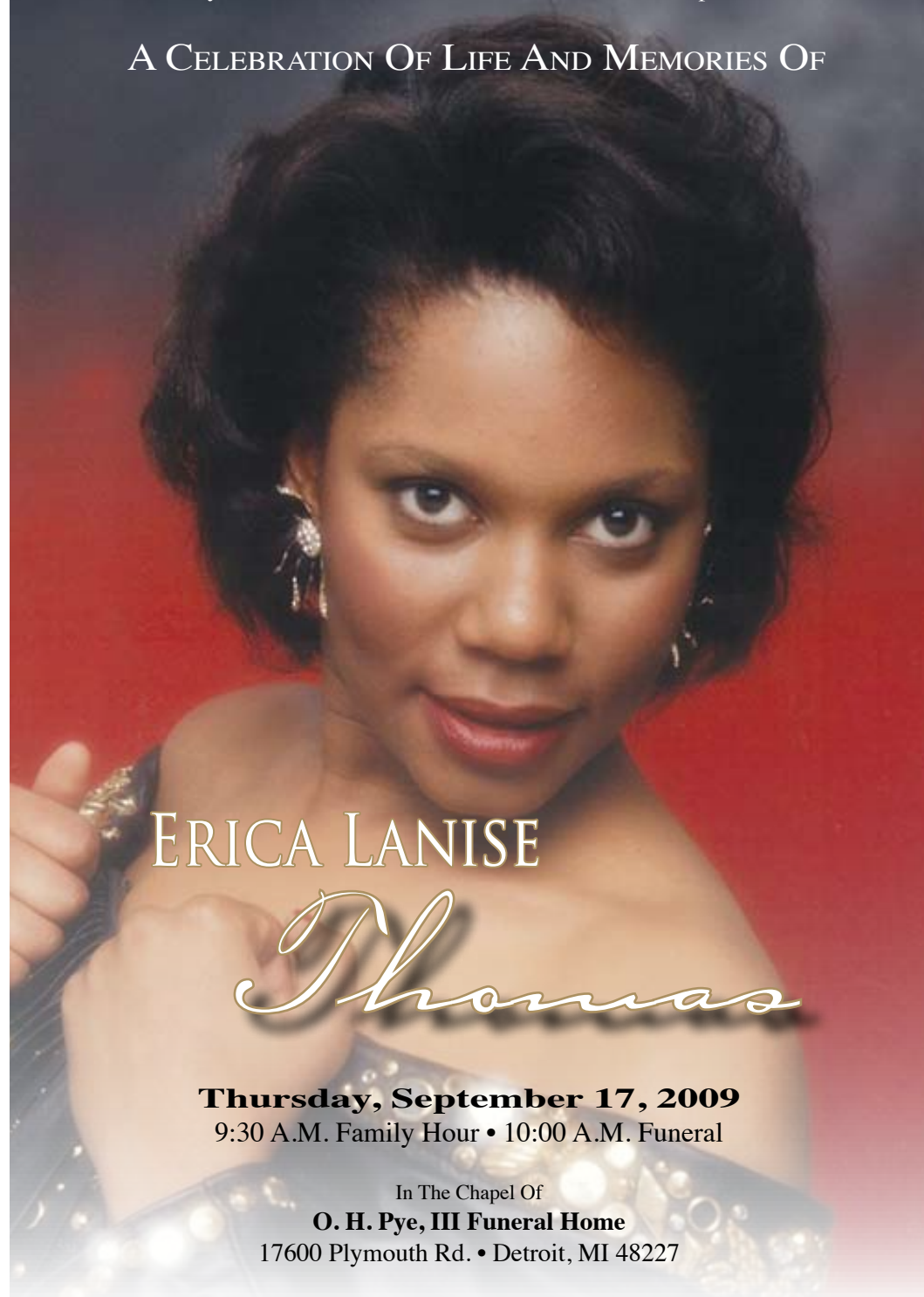
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPRECIATION  
The family wishes to express their gratitude for the many deeds of kindness shown during their time of sorrow. May God be with you always. A more personal acknowledgement will be made at a later date.

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Sunrise: July 29, 1972      Sunset: September 1, 2009

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND MEMORIES OF



**ERICA LANISE**  
*Thomas*

**Thursday, September 17, 2009**  
9:30 A.M. Family Hour • 10:00 A.M. Funeral

In The Chapel Of  
**O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home**  
17600 Plymouth Rd. • Detroit, MI 48227

*Order Of Service*

- Organ Prelude .....
- Processional ..... The Family
- Prayer ..... Staff Minister
- Old Testament Scripture Reading ..... Staff Minister
- New Testament Scripture Reading ..... Staff Minister
- Solo ..... Jasmine Ricks
- Acknowledgment of Cards, Condolences  
and Telegrams ..... Paulette Turner
- Obituary ..... Paulette Turner
- Remarks (please limit your remarks to 2 minutes) .....
- Solo ..... Jasmine Ricks
- Eulogy ..... Staff Minister
- Recessional .....
- Organ Postlude .....

*To My Family*

*My body is resting, but my spirit's alive.  
We all have to go and that's no surprise.  
All of those who miss me, I will miss.  
But, don't you cry .... just rejoice.  
I want to go home for I heard Jesus' voice.  
You should rejoice for pain I have no more.  
No disease or sickness, nothing is sore.  
That still gives you no reason to cry.  
My Spirit is free.  
I'm resting now and nothing can harm me.  
No longer will I fight or complain.  
I'm going home to be with my Lord.  
My body is resting, my spirit's alive.  
I'm going home to receive my prize.*



*Obituary*

On July 29, 1972 **Erica Lanise Thomas** was born to Sylvester Ball and Sandra Thomas of Detroit, Michigan. Erica affectionately known as "**Dimples**" attended Detroit Public Schools, graduating from McKenzie High School with honors. She loved to read. If you couldn't find her around the house ... all you had to do was look in a corner and you would find "Dimples" with a book in her face. "Dimples" joined the Navy soon after graduating from high school. She served her country for 17 years. That in itself is a great honor. While serving her country, Erica received numerous awards and citations for her accomplishments. Erica Lanise Thomas made her transition home on September 1, 2009. Preceding her in death was her father Sylvester Ball. She leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Sandra Thomas currently of Pensacola, Florida; four sisters, Shavonne and Angel Thomas currently of Pensacola, Florida, Ann Denson-Ricks and Tammy Latt of Detroit, Michigan; three brothers, Eric Denson (Bruce Ball and Derrick Seals both deceased) of Detroit, Michigan; a grandmother, Evelyn Thomas and an aunt, Barbara Boyd of Detroit, Michigan; nephews, Cordell Perry, De'Shawn and Ja'vone Thomas currently of Pensacola, Florida; also nephews, Walter Ricks III, Donte' and Ja'von Latt of Detroit, Michigan; nieces, Ja'maya Lanise Thomas, Tatyana and Armani Ahmad currently of Pensacola, Florida; also nieces, Sha'Donna and Jasmine Ricks and Angel Denson of Detroit, Michigan; two favorite cousins, Cheryl Boyd and Gwendolyn Flowers-Houensou of Detroit, Michigan; and a host of relatives and friends.

**Hey "Dimples"**

*We thought of you with "LOVE" today - but that was nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too.  
We think of you in silence and often speak your name.  
Now all we have are memories and our picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll NEVER part.  
God has you in HIS keeping. We have you in our heart.  
**Your Sisters and Brothers***



*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. - St. John 11: 25-26*