



City of Cambridge

185.

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 27, 1998

COUNCILLOR REEVES
 VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 MAYOR DUEHAY
 COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
 COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of Eloise Gertrude (Hewitt) Thornhill on July 25, 1998 at the age of 100 years; and

WHEREAS: Gertrude was born in Barbados and come to the United States in 1914; she lived briefly in Boston before moving to Cambridge, where she lived for the rest of her life; and

WHEREAS: Gertrude was a devoted member of the First Holiness Church, honored as Mother of the Church throughout the United Pentecostal Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS: Gertrude was so beloved in the community that she was call "Grandma" throughout her neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: Gertrude was an avid traveler; and

WHEREAS: Gertrude's portrait is included in the mural on the wall of the parking lot on Bishop Allen Drive because of her importance to her community; and

WHEREAS: Gertrude was the wife of the late Aaron A. Thornhill; mother of Othniel Thornhill, James Thornhill, and the Reverend Clyde and Charles Thornhill, Muriel Bartlett, Evelyn Minor, Elsie G. (Harding) Scott, and Esther Osborne; sister of Esma Goodridge, Theophilus Knight; mother-in-law of Rosetta, Myrtle, and Mary Catherine Thornhill, Ike Scott; sister-in-law of Goldburn (Nat) Goodridge, Gladys Barker of Brooklyn, NY and Margaret Knight; grandmother of 35; great-grandmother of 76; great-great grandmother of 45; and aunt of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS: Gertrude's passing will leave a void in the lives of all her surviving friends and family;
and

WHEREAS: Gertrude will be sorely missed by all she touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of
Gertrude Thornhill at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of
this resolution to the Thornhill family on behalf of the entire City Council.

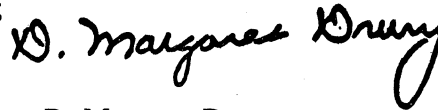
In City Council July 27, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Funeral arrangements were made by the A.J. Spears Funeral Home in Cambridge. A Homegoing Funeral Service was held at the First Holiness Church in Cambridge on Aug. 1, and she was buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.

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Eloise Gertrude Thornhill, 100

'Grandma' beloved by many

Eloise Gertrude (Hewitt) Thornhill of Cambridge died Saturday, July 25, at Emerson Convalescent Home in Cambridge. She was 100.

Thornhill was born in Barbados and came to the United States in 1914, where she resided in Boston. She moved to Cambridge shortly thereafter, where she lived for the rest of her life.

She was a devoted member of the First Holiness Church, honored as Mother of the Church throughout the United Pentecostal Council of the Assemblies of God, and was an avid traveler.

Earlier this year, she celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends.

Thornhill was so beloved in the community that she was called "Grandma" throughout her Area 4 neighborhood near Central Square.

Her portrait is included in the mural on the wall of the parking lot on Bishop Allen Drive. The image "will always attest her significance in the community and will serve as a memorial of her maternal spirit, recognition and contribution," it stated in the program to her funeral services.



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A true copy;

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ORDER ADOPTED