

In Loving Memory of



Ruby Dent Norris

Sunrise
October 26, 1927

Sunset
January 19, 2013

Obituary

Ruby D. Norris was born October 26, 1927, to Lucinda and Eugene (Buck) Dent and grew up in Inwood, NY. She was the third of five children, Emma Mae Hodge (deceased), Eugene Dent (deceased shortly after child birth), William (Little Buck) Dent (deceased), and Edward Dent. She matriculated in the Lawrence School District, attending P.S. #4 School, Lawrence Junior High School, and Lawrence High School. From there she went on to nursing school, training at Cumberland Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. Upon completion of her training she received her nursing license. It was at this time her nursing career began.

Ruby was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Her spiritual growth was nurtured by her mother, Lucy Dent, who had Pentecostal roots. Nana as she called her dearly, would bring her to church where she received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

Ruby's nursing career began to expand working in hospital emergency rooms, such as Bellevue and Queens Hospital. In 1950, she married Charles L. Norris Sr. at the First Baptist Church in Far Rockaway, NY. From this union came two sons, Keith Alexander Norris and Charles L. Norris Jr.

She started her nursing career working in various facilities, throughout the Long Island and Far Rockaway Areas. After gaining experience, she decided to further pursue her career by attending St. Francis College in Brooklyn, where she earned her B.S. degree in nursing. As she continued to work, she was afforded the opportunity to open the Lawrence Nursing Home as the first Director of Nurses. She also served as the Director of Nurses of the Queens Nassau Nursing Home, as well as others in the Rockaway Area. As a Director of Nurses she was responsible for In-service Infection Disease training for all employees.

In May of 1973, Rev. Charles L. Norris Sr. became Pastor of Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church and Ruby D. Norris became the First Lady. As she began to serve, her gift of hospitality ministered to the membership. As a servant of Christ at Bethesda, she poured into many lives that she came in contact with. She was ordained Deacon Ruby D. Norris after serving many years in the church and the community.

Ruby was always in charge. She had class, elegance, with the spirit of excellence. Ruby always required the best as she encouraged and poured into others. After suffering from an illness, Ruby relocated to Petersburg, VA, where her sons, Rev. Keith A. Norris and Bishop Charles L. Norris Jr. cared for her with great love. On Saturday, January 19, at 10:00 PM, Ruby slipped away quietly as Jesus Christ called her home from labor to reward.

Ruby is survived by her loving brother, Edward Dent; two devoted sons, Rev. Keith A. Norris and Bishop Charles L. Norris Jr., Jamaica, NY; daughter-in-law, Lady Nettie V. Norris, Jamaica, NY; grandchildren, Charles L. Norris III, West Hempstead, NY, Jason K. Norris, West Hempstead, NY and Keisha E. Norris, Newburg, NY; sister-in-law, Bleaker C. Dent; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and colleagues.

Service

Saturday, January 26, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

BETHESDA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

179-09 Jamaica Avenue • Jamaica, New York 11432

Officiant

Rev. Keith A. Norris • Church Road, Va.

Eulogists

Rev. Keith A. Norris • The Parson in Dinwiddie County, Va.

Bishop Charles L. Norris Jr., Pastor

Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church

179-09 Jamaica Avenue • Jamaica, NY 11432

Order of Service

Musicians

Elder Jason D. Davis

Elder Sean I. Hall

Bro. Charles L. Norris III

Processional	Clergy/Family
Congregational Hymn	#432 "I'll Fly Away"
Old Testament 23 Psalm	Deacon Francine Starling
New Testament John 14: 1-6	Deacon Edith Thomas
Prayer of Comfort	Elder Jason D. Davis
Selection	"I've Got A Testimony"
	Mass Choir
Reflections (Please! 2 Minutes)	Deacons
	Trustees
	Missionaries
	Ushers
	Choirs
	Family
	Friends
	Clergy
Condolences/Acknowledges/Obituary	Sis. Kimberly Graham
Selection	"Awesome"
	Mass Choir/Liturgical Praise Dance Ministry
Eulogy	Rev. Keith A. Norris
	Bishop Charles L. Norris Jr.
Recessional	
Interment	Pinelawn Memorial Park • Farmingdale, New York



Asleep

*I've closed my eyes
and fallen asleep,
So there's no reason for
you to weep;
This is a debt we
all must pay,
You will see me
again someday.*



I've endured pain and

sometimes sorrow,

Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.

But life for you must go on,

You must not worry because I'm gone.

You stood beside me all the way,

When I was down, you knew what to say ...

You always told me, "get some rest,"

Let me sleep now, I've done my best.

So please let me rest in peace,

The tears you're shedding soon will cease.

You'll soon realize this was meant to be,

I thank God because He came for me.

-Emily Dickinson

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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