



*Celebration of Life for
Genevieve R. Swindell Wortham*

*Sunrise
August 7, 1956*

*Sunset
July 27, 2013*



Reflections of Life

Genevieve Rose (Swindell) Wortham was born on August 7, 1956 in Bladen County, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Paul Edward Swindell and Sarah Ruth (Baldwin) and also has a brother, Paul Terrence Swindell who are now all deceased.

In 1961, the family made a move to the State of New Jersey in the City of Paterson on 227 Lawrence Place, where her father purchased a two family home. She lived upstairs from her parents.

The family attended church down the street from where they lived, The New AME Zion Church, on Lawrence Street, under the leadership of the late Rev. Albert J. White. It was there, Genevieve gave her life to Christ and began studying the word of God.

She attended Public School #10 on Mercer Street and Eastside High School on Park Avenue, where in 1974 she graduated with honors. After high school, she began attending Passaic County Community College to pursue a career in nursing, however this was cut in half due to the birth of her two children, Adam Jermaine Swindell, her oldest and Paul Edward Swindell her youngest. Being a single mom, she worked two jobs as a CNA in various places didn't stop her from her goals. In 1986, she was married to Vincent Wortham.

With God watching over her with the wisdom and her hard working traits, from her father in 1988, she went to night school held at Passaic County Technical High School and graduated in 1989 as a LPN. She began her tenure now working for Passaic County. In 1990, she began working at Preakness Hospital, (Now known as Preakness Health Care Center) for a brief period and a few years later landed her primary job at the Passaic County Juvenile Detention Center, located in Haledon, NJ. While working at the detention center, everyone got to know and love, "Nurse Wortham". She was a no nonsense nurse who was straight and direct, and told you how she felt, regardless of your feelings getting hurt. No one took advantage of her in any way form or fashion. However, she was also the most loving person and would help you in any way she could. If you were truthful to her, you had her respect.

Mom Swindell was also known as a great cook some of her dishes including her world famous macaroni and cheese, with the seven cheeses, her baked chicken and her famous buffalo wings, for football Sundays which we all called the “911 Wings”. They were hot and spicy, made you tear in thirty seconds and you know you had them, when you went to the bathroom. But they were so good, you couldn’t help but to eat them.

As long as you respected her home, you were welcomed with open arms whenever needed money or wisdom she was there for you. Not only was she a mother, but a true friend. Her only main concern in life was making sure her two sons had what they needed and protected them from any harm. She also provided them with the wisdom they needed to survive in life.

In the year of 2004, Nurse Wortham retired early from the detention center. She then began to minister with two churches, Tearing The Veil Ministries under Pastor Antwan Smith and New Life Evangelistic Church under the leadership of Bishop Carswell Jackson. Anyone can tell you under those churches, she respected and loved her men of God, and had love for the churches itself. She was a very knowledgeable bible reader where she’d finish a scripture off for you, before you even started it!! That’s how God gave it to her, and the love she have for him and if she didn’t know, she can easily find it in her bible. She loved everything color coded and labeled in a orderly manner.

Mom Swindell was known as the Diva Mom! She had a mystic and unique way of how she looked. Some people had tried to mimic, but didn’t even come close! She was in a class by herself and also an elected member of the club called the First Lady Club! Featuring First Lady Laura Jackson and Mom Swindell. Only two members were allowed! That’s saying something about her character. Then pursued on playing a guitar to add to her music, learning from her youngest son, Paul.

On Saturday, July 27, 2013, Mom Swindell went on to be with God.

She leaves behind her two sons, Adam Jermaine Swindell and Paul Edward Swindell; two nieces, Nicole Sherrioe Swindell (Balley) and Latoya Capers; devoted nephews, Maurice Swindell and Malcom Huffin; sister-in-law, Joanne Swindell; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Service

Friday, August 2, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

NEW LIFE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

340 Totowa Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey

Bishop Carswell Jackson, Officiating

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional Clergy

Prayer of Comfort Apostle Waller L. Scott
Deliverance Holy Tabernacle • Paterson, NJ

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Executive Pastor Laura Jackson

New Testament Elder Tyneir Williams

Selection

Remarks Clergy
Family

Special Remarks Pastor Antwan Smith
Tearing the Veil Ministries • Garfield, NJ

Solo

Acknowledgements

and Reflections of Life Sis. Myah Simmons

Selection (Solo) Sis. Keisha Cohen

The Word of Life Bishop Carswell Jackson
New Life Evangelistic Church • Paterson, NJ

Recessional

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

The Magic Of A Mother's Touch

*There's magic in mother's touch,
And sunshine in her smile
There's love in everything she does
To make our lives worthwhile
We can find both love and courage
Just by looking in her eyes
Her laughter is a source of joy,
Her words are warm and wise
There is a kindness and compassion
To be found in her embrace
And we see the light of Heaven
Shining from a mother's face.*

-Author unknown



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