

*Celebrating Her Spirit*

A portrait of Theresa Norvell Jackson, a woman with dark hair and glasses, smiling. The portrait is set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds and a large, stylized white and blue flower.

*Theresa Norvell Jackson*

*Sunrise*  
*March 14, 1924*

*Sunset*  
*February 7, 2014*

*Friday, February 14, 2014 -11:00 a.m.*

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163 Oakwood Avenue  
Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Rev. Pearly Hayes, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Theresa Norvell Jackson**, was born on March 14, 1924 in Orange, New Jersey and resided in East Orange, New Jersey most of her life. She was one of three children born to the late Elizabeth and Ranold Barnhardt a chauffeur, who owned the first black owned livery business in the city. Theresa attended Eastern School of East Orange. In 1940, she married William Norvell, Sr. They had three children, Yvonne, Brenda and William (Billy).

Theresa was proud of her work ethic and enjoyed her employment. She was a domestic worker from the time she was in her teens, and for many years she worked for Dr. Styles of Short Hills, New Jersey. She trained as a nursing assistant at Chrill in Montclair, New Jersey and worked as a private duty nurse caring for the sick.

Theresa was an outgoing, upbeat, happy, joyous person who spread her joyous spirit to all she met. We will miss her telling whoever she met, "Call me Terry"! She touched everyone with her inviting characteristics, her confident eyes, her warmth, her smile and distinctive voice. She made others feel good being in her presence.

Theresa was known for her exquisite taste. Her homes were a tribute to her genius for decorating, and she loved to dress well. She loved the consignment shops and was known by the proprietors in various towns. To quote her recent words she said "I always had a job, and I always had a new car too." It gave her great satisfaction by entertaining her guests, cooking for others, and enjoying life. As the family matriarch, she looked after extended family, her nieces and nephews. She doted on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who lovingly called her "Mama".

When she retired she lived with her daughter, Brenda. She was still driving her car into her seventies. She was still energetic and wanted Brenda to accompany her for an outgoing daily.

For the last two years she lived with her son, William. She became stricken with Lou Gerhig's disease. Theresa's strong personality never wavered through her illness. She said, "If there is something you want to do, you do it, I'm going to walk out of this hospital", she did what she said at the time.

We will miss Theresa's gift of discernment, she taught all of us all of our lives, and she was always truthful and precise. Theresa was a dynamic woman, who loved the gift God gave her...life.

She leaves to mourn: three children, Yvonne Brown Bolden of Montclair, NJ, Brenda Norvell of East Orange, NJ and William Norvell, Jr. of Somerset, NJ; three grandchildren, Belinda Brown Freeman of Raeford, North Carolina, Madison Brown III of New York and Brandon Norvell Brown of Bloomfield, NJ; eight great-grandchildren, Jayla Carter, Justin Brown, Summer Brown, Raven Freeman, Kimane Freeman, Madison Tyler Brown IV, Taylor Brown and Nydreama Brown; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Seating of The Family.....Funeral Director

Hymn of Comfort .....“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings.....Summer Brown

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-4

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Remarks.....Family and Friends (Two Minutes Please)

Acknowledgements

and Obituary.....Barbara Gibbons

Solo.....Gerard Gordon

Eulogy ..... Rev. Pearly Hayes

New Hope Baptist Church • East Orange, New Jersey

Recessional.....“ Going Up Yonder”

Clergy and Family

## **Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

## **Repast**

*Immediately following the interment family and friends are invited  
for a repast at Southern Comfort Cafe*

*501 Central Avenue • Orange, New Jersey 07050*

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# *Come to me*

*God saw that you were getting tired  
and a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around you  
and whispered, "Come to Me"  
With tearful eyes we watched  
you, and saw you pass away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
**He Only Takes The Best...***

## Pallbearers

Madison Brown   Justin Brown  
Brandon Brown   Tyler Brown

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Theresa Norvell Jackson** will remember and cherish your many expressions of loving sympathy, prayers, messages and courtesies so graciously extended. Thank you and may God richly bless you.*

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