

*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Norva C. Steadman*

**Sunrise**  
March 3, 1936

**Sunset**  
May 10, 2015

**Thursday, May 21, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112

# Obituary

Born March 3, 1936 in Port of Spain, Trinidad. **Norva Steadman** was the fifth of thirteen children born to Charles and Gwendolyn Clarke.

Norva's beautiful spirit was not only recognized in her acts of kindness, but also in life as well. In 1959, she was crowned Miss Port of Spain of Trinidad. Weaving her talents into many hearts she was a master seamstress designing attire for many friends and family members. Norva migrated from Trinidad in 1967 and called New York her home for more than forty years. She worked professionally caring for both the young and elderly. Taking great joy in providing child care with compassion and assisting the elderly in their activities of daily living. All under her care were provided with a safe and solid foundation until Nova's retirement in 2000.

Norva's selflessness was unmatched, she ended every phone call to family and friends saying: "love you, from the heart." She countlessly made herself available at all times. She was known by family and friends to make "her home their home". She believed, that if you needed a place to stay in New York, you would find it in her home. Norva had a passion for giving, she gave to her charity, her family and her children when they needed it. She always left herself undone if it meant that others would benefit from it. Norva was also a great listener. If someone had a problem and you needed advice or needed to cry and be consoled, she always made you feel better after you've talked to her.

On Sunday, May 10, 2015 at 4:54 a.m., Norva lost her battle with cancer. She was a warrior for God and always believed He had a plan for her. In the end, that plan was to have her come home and be relieved of the pain that she was feeling in this world. Norva passed with family surrounded by her side and she will missed beyond measure. But, she will also be remembered every year on a day that best honors her memory and spirit. That day, being Mother's Day.

Norva is survived by: husband, Stephen Steadman; children, Michelle Audian and Kaliym Nenkeze; grandchildren, Christopher Hunte, Amber Hunte and Sundiata Nenkeze; siblings living, Evans Clarke, Barbara St. Bernard, Grace D. Gonzales, Horace Clarke, Patricia Clarke-Adams, Anette Gillins, Fenrick Clarke and Equiano Moyo; sisters-in-law, Linda Steadman, Joyce Aaron, Barbara Boucaud, Marjorie Edmund and Dorothy Steadman; stepson, Andre Steadman; stepdaughters, Yvette Steadman and Allison Clarke and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends who are holding on tightly to their memories to get them through.

Norva went home, now joining her deceased mother and father, Charles and Gwendolyn Clarke, siblings, Rudolph Clarke, Lloyd Clarke and Joyce Clarke.

# Order of Service

## Viewing

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Job 19:25-27  
Deborah Sealey  
New Testament.....John 11:19-26  
Marjorie C. Aguilera

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor A. Lecointe  
Jetlyn Clarke, alternate

Song Selection.....“Amazing Grace”  
Rebecca Godwin

Remarks.....Family and Friends

Acknowledgement.....Michelle Audain

Song Selection.....“Precious Lord”  
Roxana Baucaud

Funeral Service.....Pastor Horace Clarke

Song Selection.....“The Storm Is Over”  
Rebecca Godwin

## Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Interment</u></b> Evergreen Cemetery Hillside, New Jersey</p>
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### Directions from cemetery to REPAST

Out of cemetery make left on (N. Broad Street) go to North Avenue (5th light) make right and N. Broad Street turns into Elmora Avenue. Keep straight until you get to Grand Avenue. Make right after going under the underpass. Go to first light and make left and that street is Standish Street. Church is 2 blocks up on left. 863 Jersey Avenue.

Church number is [908-289-5420](tel:908-289-5420) and my cell is [973-843-2232](tel:973-843-2232)

## *Psalm 23*

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

### *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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