# In Loving Memory of Brenda J. Thornton "B-Love"



Sunrise
December 3, 1957

Sunset
September 5, 2016

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

#### Order of Service

**Processional** 

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks (Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

<u>INTERMENT</u>

Evergreen Cemetery Newark, New Jersey

### **Obituary**



Brenda J. Thornton departed this side of Jordan on September 5 in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen.

Brenda was gifted to the late Carrie Hicks-Thornton in Memphis, Tennessee on December 3, 1957. After the passing of their mother she along with her sibling relocated to Delaware with her Brother and Sister In-law. Later she moved to New Jersey to live with her late Aunt Rachel Hicks-Beard.

Brenda received her diplomacy from West Side High School and then furthered her education attending

Upsala College. Brenda later was employed by Broad National Bank facilitating her role as a teller.

Brenda was jubilant, care free, and full of life. She lived life on her time and was not afraid to tell you what she was thinking nor how she felt. Brenda enjoyed eating good soul food. Just as she enjoyed the natural nourishment for the soul, she also nourished her soul spiritually. She surrendered her life to Christ and became a soldier for his army. She was faithful to the ministry where she was a reader during the Bible Studies and faithfully attended Mid-day prayer. She was willing to share her faith with all who would not just hear but listened.

Brenda is preceded in death by Kysha and Natasha Thornton (Daughters);

Carrie Lee Thornton (Mother); Rachel Hicks-Beard, Aunt; Edward and Ernest Thornton, (Brothers).

Brenda leaves to celebrate her life: two daughters, Sheena Thornton of VA and Sharnie Shannon of Pennsylvania; a son, George Jones of Pennsylvania; a brother, Isaac Hicks of Delaware; two sisters-in-law, C. Denise Hicks of Delaware and Denistina Thornton of New Jersey; Close friend, Yvette Jamison; twelve grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.



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# If Tomorrow Never Comes

If I knew it would be the last time I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep, If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for more. If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted in praise, I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day. If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say "I Love You", instead of assuming you would KNOW I do. If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away. For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything right. There will always be another day to say our "I love you's", And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?" But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope you never forget, Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight. So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day, That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish. So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear, Take time to say "I'm sorry," "please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay". And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have NO regrets about Today.

-Author unknown







## 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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