

*Going
Home*



*In Loving
Memory
of*



Terasa Darlene Thompson

August 2, 1956 - May 10, 2017

Service

Monday, May 15, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

Ebenezer Baptist Church

216 4th Street • Englewood, New Jersey

Rev. Barry Miller, Officiating

Processional of Family and Final Viewing

Invocation

Opening Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Scriptures:

Barry Thompson - Jeremiah 29:11-13

Joseph Thompson - 2 Corinthians: 2-5

Prayer of Comfort Timothy Thompson

Musical Selection Bryant Crockett

Reflections from Family Charles Thompson IV

The Reading of the Obituary Elizabeth T. Nelson

Expressions of Condolences Raquel Spencer

Musical Selection Lonnie Youngblood

The Message of Hope Pastor Miller

Closing Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Benediction

Recessional

Interment
George Washington Cemetery
Paramus, New Jersey

*Following the Interment friends and family are
invited for a repast back at the church.*

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Terasa Darlene Rhodes Thompson was born in Teaneck, NJ on August 2, 1956. She attended Westwood High School and then attended the Fashion Institute of Technology (“FIT”) in New York City. Her time at the Fashion Institute of Technology proved to forever ignite her creativity. She later obtained her Bachelor’s degree from Ramapo College. Despite entering the realm of Business and Marketing, her creativity has always been a common thread.

She had an accomplished career. She was an Account Executive at Nielsen for 5 years in the 1990’s, and an Analytical Director at Catalina Marketing through 1999. She starting working at Unilever in 1999 and was a Consumer Insights Manager.

Ever the mover and shaker, Darlene was the quintessential mover and shaker mom and wife. She managed to hold down a job at a Manhattan Ad agency, have 2 beautiful children- Darcey and Chas, and be married for 30 years to her husband, Charles.

How did Darlene enter our lives? Naturally in a very off-beat way...because she danced to the beat of a different drum. Like the music she loved, Darlene was eclectic. She had a sense of style and a flourish that was all her own- an original. Some people have to exaggerate a person’s legacy- Darlene lived that exaggeration, that dream for which many women strive. To be a caregiver for their husband and children, to maintain your friendships, and to enjoy your life.

Darlene drove a Fiat that she ordered from Italy herself during her days at FIT. If that sounds amazing to you now, imagine how it was in the late 70s 🤔 . When she met my brother Butch, who we all know as Charles, this car had broken down and he offered her a ride to assist her. For those who knew Darlene, and Charlie, this was ironic on many levels... Darlene was far from the damsel in distress, and Charlie is no mechanic 😊 . Additionally, Charlie has a suspicious nature, so clearly Darlene’s striking beauty and winning smile overruled his better judgement.

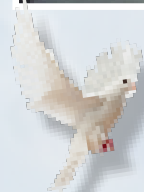
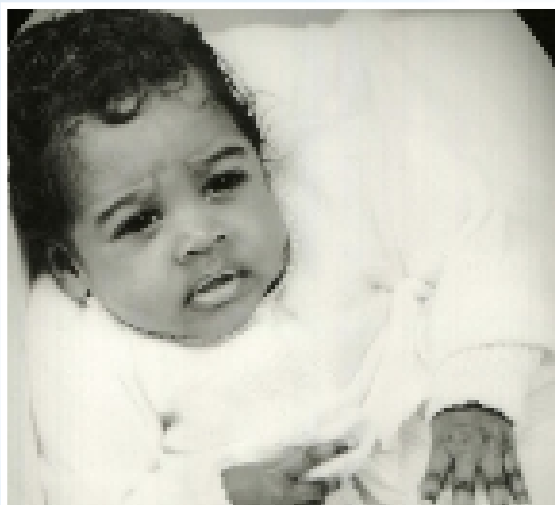
When I first met Darlene I thought immediately- WOW, this woman has presence, and she looks...FUN. God does bring people together that will balance each other, and in fact in his word He says that you should leave your parents and cleave your spouse- and she will be your help-mate. Darlene had a gift for being a nurturer to Charlie, without mothering him. She created a home environment that made his only pit stops his parent's house, or a church meeting ☺ .

Darlene Thompson was the originator of Pinterest and the Vision Board. I am not saying she literally created those ideas...but far before they existed, she lived her life as a creator, a dreamer and one who is invested in hope. Since I've known Darlene, she has had theme parties which she planned in flawless detail. Whether she was throwing a party to commemorate my father's 70 year anniversary of World War II, or she was throwing a baby shower- she wanted the Honoree of the party to know they were loved- and they did. Sometimes the gatherings were impromptu, and she would put on music and make a mixed cocktail that any Manhattanite would envy.

Darlene was always re-creating herself and being introspective about going to the next level. She was never complacent. She got her MBA in Marketing Management from Farleigh Dickenson University in 2006. Despite approaching retirement age, she never spoke of retirement so much as she thought of what her next Chapter would be. She would create vision boards and shared the possibility of completing her Ph.D. as well as other more personal accomplishments.

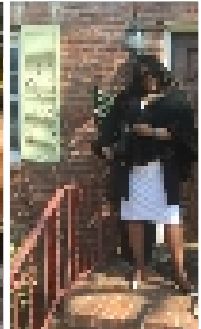
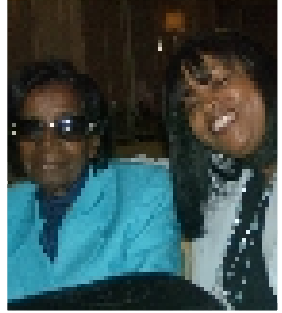
Darlene leaves behind a wonderful family who love her, including: Her husband, Charles Thompson III; her son and daughter Charles (Chas) and Darcey Thompson; her loving mother Della Paschal; her cousin Linda Simmons and her children Raquel, Rachel, and Larry; and her in-laws Charles and Eva Thompson and their other four children who loved Darlene like a sister, and a host of friends who adored her.

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Serenity Prayer

*GOD, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and the
Wisdom to know the difference.*

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

*Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make
all things right if I surrender to His Will;*

*That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

Amen

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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