



*Celebration of Life*

*Joanna Malcolm*

December 18, 1940 - May 25, 2022

Tuesday June 7, 2022  
11:00 AM

**Mount Olive Baptist Church**  
400 Arlington Avenue  
Jersey City, New Jersey, 07304  
Reverend Priscilla Joyner, Pastor  
Reverend Michael Thomas, Eulogist

# *Obituary*

**Joanna Peterson Malcolm** was born on December 18, 1940, from the Union of Zebbie D. Peterson and Mary Lee Rich. She attended Chapman Elementary & Georgiana High School in Georgiana, Alabama.

In 1970 she relocated to Jersey City, NJ, where she began working for a Laundry company. Throughout her career, she has worked for various companies including, becoming a licensed Childcare Provider; where she taught children. She was employed at Unlimited Healthcare Services, St. Ann's Home and ended her career at Hamilton Park Health Care Facility, where she retired in 2014.

Ms. Malcolm was a Loving and Outgoing person. She was in Love with her family and was very close to them. She was definitely family oriented. She would go over and beyond for anyone whether she knew you or not. Everyone confided in her and always came to her for advice, prayer or just to chat. She had a loving spirit, and a heart of Gold. She was known for her infectious smile with Dimples that would light up the sky. She was also a problem solver and a Prayer Warrior. She was well known in her community, and was adored & Loved by everyone she came in contact with.

Ms. Malcolm thoroughly enjoyed numerous activities. She loved to go fishing. Whenever the moment presented itself you could always find her with a hook, reels and worms lol. She loved eating fish as much as catching it. She also made the best fried fish you would ever taste. Everyone that knew her knows her favorite hobby was gardening, that was her passion. Every summer you could catch her in the Garden. Famously known for her Collards Greens, Cabbage, Tomatoes, and Cucumbers, Peppers as well as many other vegetables. She was very generous with her crops. She would often share them with her community, friends and church family. One of her other hobbies was shopping. She loved to shop. Her favorite stores were Macy's & Burlington Coat Factory. She also loved Flea Markets and Tricky Trays.

She was a Sassy, Classy Queen. She was most known for her famous Church suits and hats. You could catch her on Sundays dressed with a hat to match. She was not only a mother to her children & Grandchildren. She mothered everyone that came in contact with her. She was well known for her many jokes and famous quotes. She was known for feeding everyone, whether it was cooking her delicious Southern meals or bagging up care packages to send to someone.

Mother Malcolm was a member of New Dawn Baptist Church in Newark, NJ under the leadership of Pastor Michael Thomas. She served as mother of the church and held many positions in the past. She served on the Missionary Board, sang in the choir, and led Devotion service. She served wherever she was needed. One thing for certain, she loved the LORD!

Ms. Malcolm was an extraordinary Mother, Grandmother, Sister & Friend. She will be deeply missed. She is preceded in death by her Father Zebbie D. Peterson, her mother Mary Lee Rich & her second Mother Maggie Mae Peterson. Her daughter Tameka Malcolm Wembley and son Shawn Malcolm. She is survived by her 2 daughters Madeline & Quanita Malcolm. Her siblings Clorine Mixon, Leona Mitchell, D.W (Linda) Peterson. Willie (Candy) & William (Cheryl) Peterson. Her Grandchildren Tiquan & Rolanda Malcolm. Taz'mera Malcolm and T'Keyah Wembley. Her Great-Grandchildren Jamir, Bryce & Zhuri Malcolm. Her best friend Wessie Richburg, she was close friends with Jannie Jones & Sue Williams, the Bess family and a host of nieces and nephews.

# *Order of Service*

Processional.....Rev. Michael Thomas

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Juanita McEachern

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament.....Psalm 23  
New Testament.....John 14

Music Selection.....Rev. Riccardo Davis

Remarks.....please limit to 2 minutes

Musical Selection Choir.....Choir

Reading of the Obituary .....Sis Danielle Terry

Musical Selection.....Choir

Eulogy..... Pastor Michael Thomas

Musical Selection.....Dawn Washington

Viewing (Guest)

Final Private Viewing (The Family)

Benediction.....Rev. Michael Thomas

Recessional

## *Final Repose*

Arlington Cemetery  
Kearny, New Jersey

I wish I could see you one more time,  
come walking through the door.  
But I know that is impossible.  
I will hear your voice no more.  
I know you can feel my tears  
and you don't want me to cry.  
Yet my heart is broken because  
I can't understand why someone so precious had to die.  
I pray that God will give me strength  
and some hope to get me through  
I struggle with this heartache  
that came when I lost you.  
You will never be forgotten  
Life can only embrace  
A lovely heart, a warm face  
Rest on my precious mommy

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation  
for the many acts of kindness, comforting words, and prayers  
shown during our time of bereavement.*

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