

Celebrating the Life of
Opal Thompson



Obituary

In loving memory of Opal Thompson, a special woman whose spirit touched the lives of many. Opal was born in Kingston, Jamaica, on October 24th to her parents Oscar Thompson and Enid Ivy.

Opal attended HarbourView School and Manchester High, but her achievements and impact extend far beyond the classroom. She dedicated herself to a fulfilling career in the medical field, leaving an indelible mark on two renowned institutions. She spent 14 years at Eastern Women's Center and another 19 years at Jacobi Medical Center in the pediatric emergency room. Opal's dedication, expertise, and compassionate care brought comfort to countless patients and their families during their most vulnerable moments.

Outside of her professional life, Opal had a passion for cooking for those around her. She found joy in cooking for her coworkers and her family, creating meals that brought people together. Her culinary and hosting talents were matched only by her taste in jewelry and perfumes, which she adorned herself with proudly.

Opal was a woman of Caribbean character, possessing a unique blend of strength, resilience, and a forward-thinking mindset. She carried herself with a vintage charm, exuding a soulful aura that captivated all who knew her. While she could be supportive and consistent, her assertion and independent nature made it clear that she couldn't be easily swayed. Opal was a leader, never one to follow, and her voice resonated as a testament to her unwavering individuality.

Her infectious laughter and love for shared meals brought lightness and joy to every gathering. She was incredibly intelligent, boisterous, and unafraid to express her opinions. Opal's personality was a beautiful mix of glamour, charisma, with an irresistible spicy essence. She had a protective nature, displaying bravery and courage in the face of adversity, earning her the reputation of being lion-hearted.

Opal's physical beauty was breathtaking, with her hair like the seasons—long, flowing, and ever-changing. She was not only a mother, as she will be remembered as a sister, friend, aunt, grandmother and cherished coworker.

As mother of five, Opal Thompson leaves behind her children, Oyoka Richards, Andrew Richards, Makeene Richards and Tajae Hutchinson, while gaining wings alongside her son, my brother, Kwame Richards. Her life was one that will always be remembered as important. Her impact on her family, friends, colleagues, and patients is unfathomable. Impossible to understand. As we mourn, let us also celebrate the unforgettable person she was and honor her memory by carrying forward her legacy of resiliency, strength, and determination.

Mom, you will be forever missed, but your spirit will forever live on in our hearts. May you rest in eternal peace and sunshine.



Celebration of Life
Sunday, July 9th 2023 - 3:00 pm

North Bronx Seventh-day Adventist Church

3743 Bronxwood Ave., Bronx, NY 10469

Pastor Fred Nicolas, Officiating

Elder Alson Farley, Organist

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional Ministers And Family

Welcome/ Opening Remark Eld Benjamin Powell

Opening Hymn #86 "How Great Thou Art"
Eld Alson Farley

Opening Prayer Eld Icene Lyttle

1st Scripture - John 14:1-6 Christopher Jackson (Nephew)

2nd Scripture - Thess 4:14-17 Jason Jackson (Nephew)

Tribute Monique Banks & Jahsya Rocke

Obituary Tajae Hutchinson (Daughter)

Musical Selection "I Look To The Shepherd"
Jacqueline Elaine Jackson (Sister)

Homily..... Pastor Fredrick Nichols

Prayer Of Comfort Eld Melbourne Gregory

Committal Pastor Fredrick Nichols

Closing Hymn #108 "Amazing Grace"
Eld Alson Farley

Closing Prayer Eld Wayne Powell

Closing Remarks T. Carrillo Funeral Service
Mrs. Carrillo



John 14:27

*"Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give you,
I do not give to you
as the world gives,
Do not let your heart
be troubled and do not be afraid".*

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.



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