

*Celebrating the Life
of
Marie Lynette Thornton
"Net"*



"A True Voice For The Community"

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Services Held at

Solomon's Temple
2341 E. Seven Mile Rd.
Detroit, MI 48234

Bishop Henry Davenport
Rev. Robert Millhouse, Officiating



Obituary

Marie Lynette Burrus Thornton, age 70 was born February 19, 1951 at home on Mackay Street in Detroit, Michigan in Wayne County to the late Odus Burrus Jr and Lois Geneva Watson Burrus. Marie was their third oldest child and was nicknamed by her parents "Net". Marie grew up in a family of thirteen brothers and sisters. She was also blessed with two half sisters and a half brother.

Marie accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior and was saved according to the word of Christ. She always said she was a "sparrow" of Jesus Christ and his eyes were upon her. She never asked for much in life and felt rich in what she had.

Marie attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Southeastern High School. She received an associates degree in Liberal Arts from Highland Park Community College and studied at Wayne State University.

Marie was married and divorced from Daryl Thorton Sr and to that union a son, Daryl Thorton Jr. was born. She later had a second son, Bryant C. Coleman with the late Kenneth Eugene Coleman.

Marie was a known advocate for the people. It was not uncommon to see her standing up for public education, children, homeless, and senior citizens. She did not mind going to jail or battling it out in court. Marie represented herself in court on numerous occasions. Marie was elected by the citizens of Detroit to several political positions such as Detroit Board of Education, Mid City Concerned Citizens District Councils, and for more than 20 years elected precinct delegate for the Democratic Party, as a member of the 13th Congressional District. She also served in other offices such as State Central Delegate and Board of Trustee.

Marie was the first chartered member to Greater Mid-town Connection and supported the business in the Midtown Community such as Ruth's Catering, Midtown Grill, Belinda's Salon and many others.

Marie enjoyed her many FaceBook friends. Though she was on dialysis she continued to live her life while serving her community. Most important whenever possible she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Marie passed away on July 10, 2021. She leaves to cherish her memory: two sons, Daryl Thorton Jr (Angela) and Bryant Coleman (Jenaé); four grandchildren: TyLynn Thorton, Calliel Coleman Brielle Coleman, and Jurnee Coleman ; 9 living siblings: Joan Wright, Odus Burrus III, Chere Muhammad, Milycent Edwards, Aaron Burrus, Duane Burrus, Elaine Manson (Timothy), Geneva Burrus, Teresa Reed (Anthony), three half siblings twin sisters Jaynel Maddox, Jayne Maddox and Daryl White. She was preceded in death by three siblings: Eugene Burrus, Paul Burrus, and Billie Burrus. Marie also leaves to cherish a host of nieces, nephews, and good friends.

Order of Service

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Organ Prelude

Processional

Song.....This Means War

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.....

Prayer

Acknowledges of Card and CondolencesMivida Burrus

Song.....His Eye is on the Sparrow

Remarks (2 minutes)

Sam Riddle

Kinda Makini - Anderson

Joanna Underwood

Tom Barrow

Eulogy.....Rev. Robert Millhouse

Recessional





Mother - Sister - Friend



Marie Lynette Burgess-Thornton
Southeastern High School
Class of 1969

nd - Advocate - Activist

The Michigan Senate State of Michigan



Marie Thornton

~ A Phenomenal Woman ~

Lifetime Achievement Award for Political Activism

Whereas Ms. Marie Thornton is indeed a phenomenal Woman, who throughout her life continues to educate, advocate and fight for equality for all and equity for ALL people without respect to a person's socio-political, gender, race, creed, color, religion, or national origin; and is an eloquent public speaker on educational, political, historical, and current events such as healthcare, the environment, politics and community concerns;

Whereas Ms. Marie Thornton is currently a Political Activist for Justice and a Michigan Democratic Party State Central Committee Representative for the 13th District and elected Precinct Delegate,

Whereas Ms. Marie Thornton is the former Michigan Democratic Party Chair for the 14th Congressional District; and

Whereas Ms. Marie Thornton is a former elected member of the Detroit Public Schools Board of Education in 2009 and a continual political activist in Detroit, Michigan;

BE IT RESOLVED: By Affirmation of the 99th Legislature of the Michigan Senate

On the 29th day of July 2018

Coleman A. Young II
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Michigan State Senator - 1st District

*Thank you
for your support,
your friendship &
your love! lol 2018*



Marie's Final Message to Her Family

*To Daryl Thornton, my first born, stay
strong*

*To Bryant Coleman, I always had big
dreams for you*

*Angela Daughter in love - Thank you
for everything*

*Jenae Daughter in love - Always
remember you're beautiful*

*Ty'Lynn Thornton - Grandma loves
you!*

*Brielle Coleman - My special
grandchild*

*Calliel Coleman - You were always in
my heart*

Brothers - Love you all!

Sisters - Keep the family together

*Nieces - I'm proud of my beautiful
nieces and continue to fly like an
Eagle*

Nephews - Hold on

Cousins - Love always





Marie, I will hold you and these special memories in my heart; so whenever we gather together; you will always be very present. Life is a rough road but so glad to have shared this journey with a sister as passionate for life as you. Love never fails. Rest in peace.

Love, Elaine

My beloved sister Marie although you are gone you will never be forgotten. For you will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Love you!
Geneva

Ma,
I can't believe you're gone!! I'm just so thankful for the times and conversations we shared over the years. But what I am most thankful for is you gave birth to my soulmate. Love you Ma. In a minute

Love your Daughter in Love,
Angie



Sister we were 9 months apart.... I wish you could have stayed a little while longer.... It will never be the same without you.... Cause the original 7 is now 6. It's going to be hard without but that's something I have to deal with. Just know that you are loved and that you are already missed. Your memories will always live on in our hearts. Now and forever.

Love your Big sister,
Joan

My dear beloved sister Marie,
Thank you for all the times we spent together. Thank you for all the times you let me shop for you, putting on your makeup, for the time I comb your hair and cut your nails. How we all shop together and for the sleepover and cookouts. For buying 100 of my masks! Lol... Even through our ups and downs there was so much love. I love you so much and you will forever be truly missed.

~ Millie


Marie Thornton is one who feels deeply and loves fiercely. Marie tears flow as abundantly as her laughter. Marie is soft and powerful. Marie is both spiritual and practical. Marie is in her essence a gift to the world.

~ Wayne Bernard

My heart is so sad that you had to leave us. You told us you were not able to come over anymore because of health, but I thank God for the times that we shared together. Thank you for the meals that I cooked for you!!! I love you so much!!! I miss you already and every day.

Love, Cherel



A portrait of Marie Lynette Thornton, a woman with short dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a white lace dress with a large white rose on the left shoulder and a pearl necklace. The background is a solid light blue.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to

Chapel Hill Funeral Home
8033 Puritan Ave
Detroit, MI 48238

Acknowledgment

The Family of Marie Lynette Thornton
is thankful to the Lord for friends and family
who have altered their schedule to pay their
last respect to our loved one.