Gelebrating the Life

of

Marie Lynette Thornton

"Net"



"A True Voice For The Community"

Tuesday, July20, 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 t 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.s 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: Ty'Lynn 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), Gene va 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 Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Organ Prelude	
Processional	
Song	This Means War
Prayer	
Acknowledges of Card and Condolences	Mivida Burrus
Song	His Eye is on the Sparrow
Re	marks (2 minutes)
	Sam Riddle
	Kinda Makini - Anderson
	Joanna Underwood
	Tom Barrow
Eulogy	Rev. Robert Millhouse
Recessional	





Mother - Sister - F9



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## Marie Thornton

~ A Phenomenal Woman ~ Lifetime Achievement Award for Political Activism

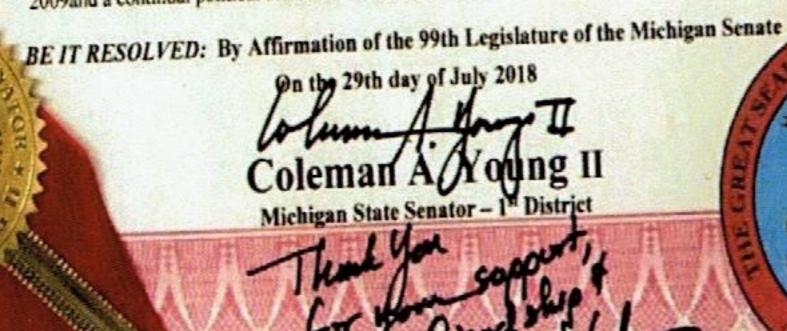
Whereas Ms. Marie Thornton is indeed a phenomenal Woman, who throughout her life continues to educate, advocate and fight for equality for all and equity for ALL people without respect to a person's sociopolitical, gender, race, creed, color, religion, or national origin; and is an eloquent public speaker 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 2009and a continual political activist in Detroit, Michigan;





## 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

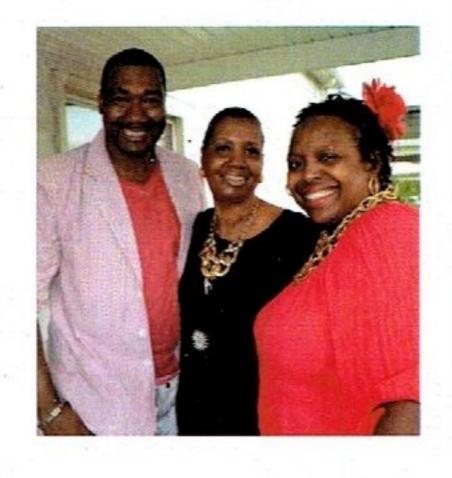
Brothers - Love you all!

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

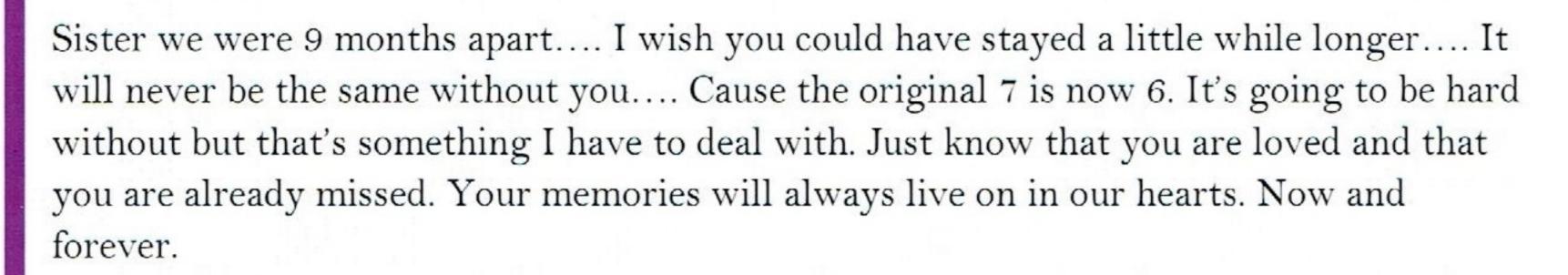
My beloved sister Marie although you are gone you will never be forgotten. For you will always hold a very special place in my heart.

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



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.

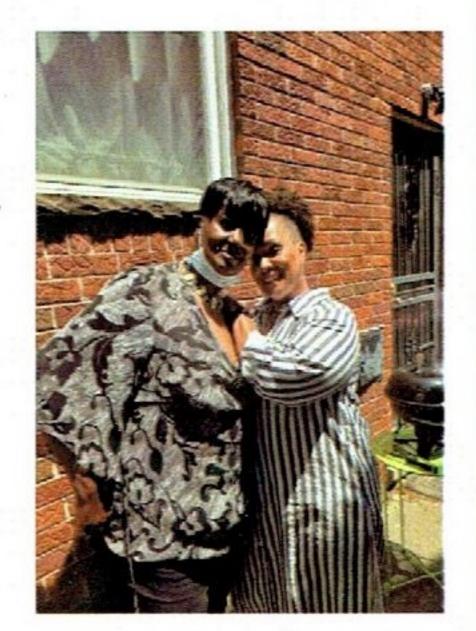
~ Millie

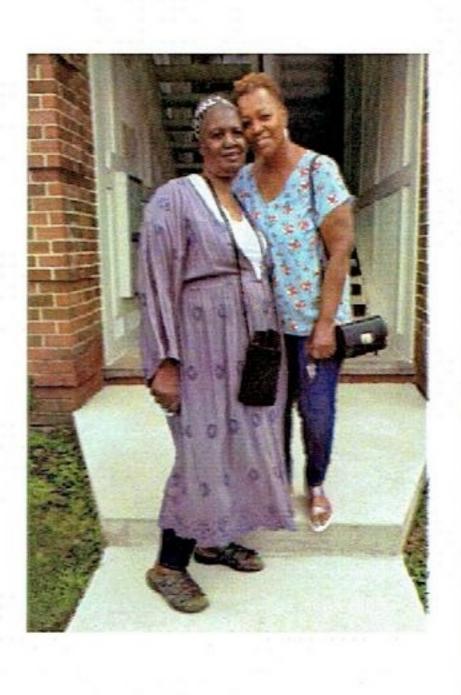
Marie Thornton is one who feels deeply and loves fiercely. Marie tears flow as abundantly as her laughter. Marie is soft and powerful. Marie is both spiritual and practical. Marie is in her essence a gift to the world.

~ 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





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. Design & Print by White House Visions 313.207.7243