

A Tribute

Yours was a useful life you worked well while here, you were generous with your time, and you toiled from year to year. Many a life you did touch, always doing your part, glad to serve when called upon with a meek and humble heart. Your life was dedicated to things noble and true. It was no task for you to work.... that you wanted to do. You'll never be forgotten, though you have passed. The deeds you left behind will live on each day. We didn't want to give you up, sleep on and take your rest, this act of God we dare not question for He alone knows best.

The Family

Words of Comfort

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. (John 14:1-4)

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Joyce E. Thurman** acknowledges with grateful appreciation each of you for every expression of love, acts of kindness and concern extended during our time of bereavement. May God bless you for your presence at this homegoing service.*

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*In Loving Memory
of*

JOYCE EVELYN THURMAN

Sunrise: May 4, 1953 ~ Sunset: January 9, 2022



SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022
11:00 AM

PEOPLES FUNERAL CHAPEL
707 VINSON BOULEVARD
WHITEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND ALGERNON MCKENZIE, OFFICIANT
REVEREND KENDALL THURMAN, EULOGIST

~ Order of Service ~

Gathering of the Family 10:00 – 11:00 AM

- Hymn“Amazing Grace”Congregation
- Scriptural Readings
Old Testament.....Reverend Thurman Chestnut
New Testament.....Reverend Jerry Ganus
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Barbara Powell
- Remarks.....Family and Friends
- Acknowledgements.....Sarah Mobley
- Music SelectionsHarold Boone
- Eulogy.....Reverend Kendall Thurman
- Recessional

front

Service of Committal and Interment
Hallsboro Memorial Park
Hallsboro, North Carolina



~ Obituary ~

God saw the road was getting rough, the hills were hard to climb. He gently closed those loving eyes and whispered, "Peace be thine". The weary hours, the days of pain, the sleepless nights are past. The ever patient, worn out frame, has found rest at last.

Joyce Evelyn Thurman, daughter of the late Reverend John S. and Missionary Ida George Thurman, was born May 4, 1953 in Hallsboro, North Carolina. She departed this life on January 9, 2022, at Rutgers University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey. She confessed Christ at an early age and joined New Light Missionary Baptist Church, Hallsboro North Carolina, where she was very active in the church. After moving to New Jersey, she joined Beulah Baptist Church in New Jersey, where she remained a devout member. Joyce was church treasurer, on the usher board, along with being active member in Bible study. Joyce graduated from Hallsboro High School and was a proud member of the Class 1971. She was a strong advocate of higher education. She instilled her thirst for learning in her boys, her students, and her family (nieces and nephews).

After high school, Joyce attended Southeastern Community College, Whiteville, North Carolina then later transferred to North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina; where she received her Bachelor of Science in Education. Later attending Montclair State University where she received two Master's Degrees in the Education field.

Joyce's love of Education was proven with her extensive career of twenty-five plus years in Newark Public School system. Her first job was at CHAD Private School 6-8grades in Newark, New Jersey. She also taught English from 1976-1980 at Irvington High School. One of her fondest memories is teaching her student who became a world-famous female rapper, Queen Latifah. Joyce retired from her Education Career in Newark, New Jersey in 2011.

Family gatherings especially with her sons, exercising for physical fitness and travel were Joyce's passions. She will truly be missed by her family and friends.

Joyce leaves to cherish her memory twin sons, Demetri and Darius Thurman; four sisters, Emma Young (Joseph), Claudia Layton, Marjorie Thurman, Sarah Mobley (Eddie); three brothers, Franklin H. Thurman (Karen), Grayer L. Thurman (Violet), Francis D. Thurman (Debra); four nephews, five nieces, Aunt Eva George and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.