

A HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

A portrait of a woman with dark, wavy hair and freckles, wearing a dark top and a necklace with a gold pendant. A white dove is flying in the upper right corner of the image. The background is a soft, pinkish-purple sky with white clouds.

*Janice Marie Norton
Thurman*

Sunrise
October 18, 1960

Sunset
June 2, 2008

June 7, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Johnson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
2944 Bishop Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39213

Reverend Robert Rattler, Officiating

Obituary

*"I died one time, I ain't goin die no more."
"For in that He died, He died unto sin once, but in that He liveth, He
lived unto God." Romans 6:10*

Janice Marie Norton Thurman was born the 12th child to the late Robert James and Doris Frances Norton, Sr. in Havre de Grace, Maryland. She departed her earthly life on Monday, June 2, 2008 at her home. Janice professed her faith in Christ and was baptized at an early age at Asbury United Methodist Church in White Marsh, Maryland. Because of her husband's career in the U.S. Army, she joined Victory Christian Fellowship in Hochveim, Germany, Pastor Anthony McMillian. She served as deaconess and an usher leader. After returning from Germany, July 2000, she united with the Johnson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Alford Thompson. Janice served as a church mother, choir member, announcer clerk, Women's Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher, President of Pastor Aid Ministry and a member of the Beautification Committee.

Janice attended Aberdeen Public School and graduated from Aberdeen High School. She was active on the softball and bowling teams. Janice was last employed with JPS in Food Service at Callaway High School.

Janice was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Harrel Bernard Thurman in 1988. To this union two children were born. Janice's husband, Harrel, both parents and one brother, Arnold Norton preceded her in death.

Her memories will be cherished by one daughter, Latasha and one son, Harrel, Jr. both of Jackson, MS; six brothers: Robert James (Nita) Norton, Jr. of Baltimore, MD, Eugene Kenneth (Peggy) Norton of Aberdeen, MD, Bernard A. Norton of Perry Hall, MD, Charles A. Norton of Aberdeen, MD, Lester L. Norton of Bel Air, MD, and Clarence C. (Sharron) Norton of Joppatowne, MD; six sisters: Matilda M. Clark of Philadelphia, PA, Doris F. (NaPolean) Faulkner of Edgewood, MD, Marcia E. (Barry) Selby of Pemberton, NJ, Vanessa E. Norton of Baltimore, MD, Irene I. Norton of Aberdeen, MD and Donna E. (Ronald) Biggs of Bel Air, MD; father and mother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Willie B. Thurman of Jackson, MS; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Program Guide
Sis. Eula Anderson

Processional..... Soft Music
Selection..... Johnson Chapel Mass Choir
Scripture
 Old Testament Rev. Willie Wright
 New Testament Rev. Lincoln Jones
Prayer..... Rev. David Fields
Selection..... Johnson Chapel Mass Choir
Tributes..... Jackson Public School System
As a Church Member Deacon Douglas Lacey
Special Reading Sis. Erika Lewis
Solo..... *"I Can Only Imagine"* Sis. Dominique Norton
Words of Comfort..... Mother Bertha Blocker
Obituary *Read Silently*..... Soft Music
Acknowledgments Sis. Lula Anderson
Selection..... Johnson Chapel Mass Choir
Eulogy..... Pastor Robert Rattler

Funeral Directors of Peoples in Charge

Recessional

Sometimes the things that seem the worst, turn out to be the best. So think of this as a time to be at rest. And while we cannot understand why things happen as they do, the one who hangs the rainbow out had His own plan for you. You will be missed Mommie, but we know that you are watching us.

**Love you always, your angels,
Kayla, Alicia, Saniella, Billy and Jeremy**

Mom you will be missed and thought about everyday, we know you will be watching us and keeping us safe. We love you and (p.s. say hi to Dad)

**Love, your babies,
Latasha and Harrell**

Acknowledgements

To you who were so thoughtful in helping here and there. To you who looked to heaven and whispered a silent prayer. To you who watched and waited as the hour slowly passed. To you who cooked and you who served and you who provided all. To you who answered the phone and talked to those who called. To you who wept along with us or sent a flower sweet. To you dear friends, to each of you we can only say thank you, but we will pray God's blessing on each of you.

A special thank you to the Jackson Public School System, Callaway High School, Baptist Home Medical Service and Healthwise Medical Supply Service.

The Thurman and Norton Family

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of Johnson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Active Pallbearers

Arthur Britton, Jr.

Clyde Speaks

Major Bilbrew Mack

Clinton Johnson

Ivrin Hicks

Jerome Buchanan

Flower Bearers

Jackson Public School Food Service

Interment

*Autumn Woods Memorial Gardens
Jackson, Mississippi*

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*Johnson Chapel Missionary Baptist
Church Fellowship Hall*

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