

# NORMA JEAN THOMPSON

Norma Jean Thompson departed this life at 7:42 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at the age of 88.

Jeannie, as she was affectionately known to so many, was born on February 20, 1935, in the Hill District section of Pittsburgh, PA to the late John ("Jack") and Eartha Simpson. She was the oldest of five children, Harold (deceased), Darlene (deceased), Regis, and Barry (deceased). She attended the Pittsburgh Public Schools and graduated from Schenley High School in 1953. Norma married Ronald Wilson (deceased) in 1951, and from that union she had three children, Ronald Allan (deceased), Karen (deceased) and Terri. Norma became a medical lab technician and worked in the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Oakland for over 25 years until she took an early retirement in 1991. Norma got married a second time to Edward Thompson in 1971, and from that Union she had a daughter, Dana. Norma was married to her beloved "Ed" until he passed away in 1996 from lung cancer.

Norma gave her life to GOD at an early age at Central Baptist Church. She later became a faithful member of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church where she served as an usher until she "retired" from the usher board at the age of 80. In addition, Norma was actively involved in Mt. Ararat's Angel Tree, New Members, and Prison Ministries, as well as one of the founding members of the SOAR Ministry. Norma decided to fulfill a lifelong dream of going to college, and she graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Pittsburgh in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work. Because of Norma's huge heart and her great affinity for helping others, she came out of retirement and became a social worker at a shelter for battered women. Norma was an active member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women (NANBPW), Eastern Stars, and the Red Hats. To Jeannie, nobody was a stranger. Everybody she cared about had a mother, sister, or friend in her, and her home to spend holidays, family events, and special occasions. She was a humble, magnificent queen and matriarch who loved, was loved, and will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Norma is survived by her two daughters, Terri (Anthony) Hilton, Dana (Douglas) Thompson Dorsey; one brother, Regis Sharif; and six grandchildren, Tara (Lavon) Hudgins, Shana Howard, Chad (Louise) Wilson, Tre' Hilton, Justin Dorsey, and Juliana Dorsey; six great-grandchildren, Shaquela Howard, Troy Howard, DaVaughn Howard, Darrin Howard, De'Jon Howard, Chad Wilson, Jr., Cameron Wilson; and a host of great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her nieces, Troi Simpson and Morgan Daniels; as well as her nephews, Hassan Sharif and Oronde' Sharif; and many great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Friends may call on Monday, October 16, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at **WHITE MEMORIAL CHAPEL**, 800 Center Street, Wilksburg 15221. Funeral ceremony will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, 271 Paulson Ave. E.E. 15206; entombment at Homewood Cemetery.

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