



Thelma Margaret Whitaker

January 5, 1927 - April 30, 2020

On April 30, 2020 God looked around for some help. He needed a special type of woman. He looked for a virtuous woman. He chose Thelma M. Whitaker, and presented her with wings.

Thelma was born on January 5, 1927 to the late George and Etta White of Charlottesville, Va. Life wasn't easy for Thelma. By the age of 12 yrs old she had lost both parents. She was raised by her stepmother, who constantly put her down. She was determined to be somebody. She finished Jefferson High School at age 16. She was determined to be a nurse. She wanted to serve others. She attended Dixie Nursing (Hampton University). She became a registered nurse. She worked for Dr. Ashby, Whitaker Memorial Hospital, Mary Immaculate Hospital, and MacDonald Army Hospital, Ft. Eustis, Va. By 32 she became the 1st African-American civilian supervisor. She worked nights, therefore she was "in-charge". She took her job seriously. She traveled 30 mins daily, to work and back. She never took days off. She retired in 1985 with 18 months worth of sick leave.

Thelma was an avid reader, and an exceptional writer. She had a thirst for learning new things. You could find her , working, puzzles or reading Taylor Caldwell or Jackee Collins novel. She enjoyed, water activities enough she couldn't swim, riding motorcycles, and good conversation.

In 1953, while walking across the street, she met the love of her life, Mr. Eunique "Nic" Whitaker. After year of dating, they got married in June 16, 1954. A new adventure began. In this union she had 2 children, Roger

Carlton (deceased) and Lisa Karen Whitaker Taylor. Her life was full, but at age 64 it changed. For her birthday that year she got a grand baby. She bought joy to her life. They were 2 peas in a pod.

Thelma was a member of the following: Hampton University Nurses Alumni Association, Chi Eta Phi nursing sorority, Eastern Star Rose Chapter, Orcutt Homes Senior Citizens, Macedonia Senior Citizens, Macedonia Deaconess Board, Area Council, and Newport News Retired Policeman's Wives. She was a loyal and faithful member of Macedonia Baptist Church. Church was important to Thelma. She learned early to love the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her husband, of 55 yrs and her only son She leaves to cherish her loving memories, one daughter, Lisa Karen Whitaker Taylor, one very special loving grand-daughter Danielle B. Taylor, a sister Juanita Jones of Charlottesville, Va, four nieces Joyce Nelson of Upper Marlboro, Md Jacqueline Nelson of Charlottesville, Va, Charlene(Michael)Williams of Charlottesville, and Peggy Jones of Beltsville, Md, two great nephews Abdur Muhammed (Fatma)and Dedrick (Jivannia) Nelson, three great-great nephews and one great-great niece .one A Godchild, Wilhelmenia "Cissy" Francis and a very special caretaker Anne Epps. A host of relatives and friends.

The family wishes to express our appreciation for prayers, calls, and random acts of kindness, extended during this time of bereavement.

A special thanks to the professional staff at Unity Medical Center, especially Doctors Momo and Gebran.

Cemetery Details

Whitaker Family Cemetery

Como, NC

Previous Events

Grave Side Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Margaret Whitaker*

November 09, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ *I first met Mrs. Whitaker at Macedonia Baptist Church on Ivy Avenue in Newport News. She and her husband were always quite active in the Church. During those years, I met numerous people, yet, I did not knowing meet Roger and Lisa. I believed that they were basically "grown and gone from the nest" and building their respective nests. Of the several times I had visited the Whitakers, I learned more about some things that some of us locals took for granted. When I was last able to visit Mrs. Whitaker, she was no longer living on 34th Street and had moved to the upper Hilton area. We had a long talk. Mrs. Whitaker will be missed as much as Mr. Whitaker. Unfortunately, I learned of her passing just now.*

Gary W. Kelly - May 10, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *I send my deepest condolences to the family. God will add comfort in your lives going forward.*

phillip ledwell - May 09, 2020 at 09:52 AM

LB

“ Lisa and Danielle we send our sincere love and condolences during the loss of your mother and grandmother. We know all too well how dear she was to you and we can only imagine how much you will miss her. We are grateful to God that you were able to experience her love for each day of your lives and we pray that loving memories of her will flood your heart, mind and spirit on the days that you miss her the most. Please know that we will continue to keep you in our prayers! Love you, Larry and Lynette Branch

Larry and Lynette Branch - May 08, 2020 at 07:36 AM

JO

“ To my dear friend Lisa and Pooh, it is with great sorrow to learn of the transitioning of your Mom and Grandmom! From all that I'd heard about Mrs. Thelma she was indeed a strong woman that contributed to making her community better, a good leader, and role model of the type of woman to aspire. Your Mom faught long and hard, no more pain or anguish now. I know this is a difficult time yet as I have walked this same path, take comfort in knowing that the sorrow and difficulty your experiencing now will eventually over time ease and get better. Know that I am here when/if you need me even if it's just to listen as you vent. I will be praying for and thinking of you on Saturday as I too will be experiencing the same process of my beloved brother. May the PEACE OF GOD be with both our families.

Much Love...Josephine

Josephine - May 08, 2020 at 06:08 AM

TT

“ My deepest condolences to you Lisa and Danielle for the lost of your mother and grandmother. She was a very special and strong women, she always would have good conversations for you. Please be strong knowing Mrs. Thelma is at rest. I pray for comfort and healing during this time. I know your hearts are heavy, may God continue to heal your hearts with each passing day. We love you!
Roy & Terry Thomas 🙏

Terry & Roy Thomas - May 07, 2020 at 09:13 PM

MI

“ Lisa and Danielle, I offer my deepest condolences for the loss of your Mom and Grandmother. Remain Strong and at Peace knowing that your love one is at rest, and continue to seek God's guidance for all your strength. Love, Michele and Doretha Blackwell

Michele - May 07, 2020 at 07:00 PM



Amanda
Kelly
Brothers

“ My deepest condolences to you, Danielle, and your family. I've often thought about Mrs. Whitaker over the years. I remember how she and your dad would encourage me when I was first licensed into the ministry and throughout my time as Macedonia. She was a very special lady, beautiful inside and out. Praying for your comfort, strength, and peace during your time of grief.

Amanda (Taliferro) Brothers

Amanda Kelly Brothers - May 07, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ Praying for comfort, and peace for you and your family according to *Philippians 4:6-7* during this time. I can't imagine the heartache you are going through but know that Brian and I are praying for you and believing God that with each passing day your heart will heal. If you need us, you know how to reach us girl. Love you big. Brian & Yvette Rameau

Yvette Rameau - May 07, 2020 at 04:28 PM

SS

“ Lisa you and your family have my condolences and prayers. I will always remember our times joking and laughing with both your parents and Mrs Thelma's strut and laugh. Heaven has another one of our gems.

stephanie Simmons - May 07, 2020 at 03:29 PM

DW

“ So sorry for the lost of your mother. Lucy and I send our condolences.



Donald & Lucy Watkins - May 07, 2020 at 02:51 PM

TE

“ May God comfort and sustain you during this time. Your mom and grandmother always had a kind and pleasant spirit. Know that she is now resting in the arms of the Lord. Remember earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Praying your strength in the Lord. “Tyrone and Marva Ellis



Tyrone and Marva Ellis - May 07, 2020 at 12:08 PM

JH

Mrs. Whitaker was and always a beautiful lady inside and out . She had the smile of an angel and would do anything in her power to help you if she could.. May you find comfort in knowing that she's with her King in heaven.. Joyce and Mckelly Brown

Joyce Harrison-Brown - May 07, 2020 at 05:00 PM

JM

“ CONDOLENCES AND PRAYER FR YOUR FAMILY AND MAY YOUR MOTHER REST IN PEACE.

julie maven - May 07, 2020 at 11:51 AM

KD

“ My sincerest condolences to you Lisa & Danielle. May God continue to wrap you in His loving arms during this difficult time. Love you both.



Kim Daniels - May 07, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *Nathaniel Hagggar lit a candle in memory of Thelma Margaret Whitaker*



Nathaniel Hagggar - May 07, 2020 at 11:09 AM

BA

“ *Our deepest sympathies and condolences to you Lisa and family. Ms. Whitaker was really sweet. I remember her well as a part of our neighborhood "village." You are in our prayers. The Ashe Family*



Bill Ashe - May 07, 2020 at 11:09 AM

WC

“ *Westelle Cherry lit a candle in memory of Thelma Margaret Whitaker*



Westelle Cherry - May 06, 2020 at 06:48 PM

WR

I'm so sorry for the loss of Mrs. Whitaker. Lisa your mom will be greatly missed. Danielle she loved you with everything in her,I'll never forget you spending every chance you got with her in Newport News. Hold those special memories in your heart.

Wanda (Baker) Reid - May 07, 2020 at 06:59 PM