

Celebration of Life  
*In Loving Memory of*

*Sunrise*  
October 24, 1950

*Sunset*  
February 19, 2015



*Theresa Durant*

*Saturday February 28, 2015 - 8:30 a.m.*

**REVIVAL TEMPLE HOLINESS**

81 16th Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

*Bishop Edmond Griffin, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Theresa Durant** suddenly and unexpectedly departed this life on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 8:07 a.m. The eldest daughter of the late Samuel and Hattie Sue Gill, she was born on October 24, 1950 in Oxford, North Carolina.

Theresa matriculated through the Newark Public School system and graduated from Central High School in 1968. After graduation, Theresa went on to successfully complete training in home health care. Later, she attended Essex County College and successfully completed course work in accounting. Shortly after, Theresa joined UMDNJ as a Dietician's Assistant where she worked and retired after twenty-six years of service.

During her life, Theresa had a passion for cooking, baking, decorating and caring for family and friends. Theresa was a loving mother, sister, friend, grand and great grandmother whom enjoyed watching sports, and spending quality time entertaining family and friends. She also enjoyed traveling, giving words of encouragement and wisdom, as well as collecting unique figurines, going thrift shopping and attending church.

Theresa decided to dedicate her life to her savior Jesus Christ and later joined and became a member of The House of New Beginnings Church under the leadership of Pastor Demetra Hubbard. She attended church on a regular basis and dedicated her time and service as a faithful member, trustee and volunteer.

She leaves to cherish her memory: six children, Sherrel Durant- Davis, Emmanuel, Robin, Tariq, Terrell and Tatiyana Durant; three siblings, Carolyn Fate, Samuel Gill Jr. and Johnnie Gill; seven grandchildren, Tawann Durant, Dominic, Shaniyah, Tamiyah Durant Davis, Tamia Harvin Durant, Samiya and Janae Henderson Durant; three great grandchildren, Tawann Jr., Ahmed and Abdul Durant; one living aunt, Wilma Floyd; one son-in-law, Leonard Davis; one daughter-in-law, Shakira Henderson Durant; one sister-in-law, Geraldine Gill. Theresa also leaves to cherish a host of nieces and nephews; her companion, Pierre Mervilus; dear cousin, Corrine Lewis; and a bounty of special friends.

*You can only have one mother  
Patient kind and true;  
No other friend in all the world,  
Will be the same to you.  
When other friends forsake you,  
To mother you will return,  
For all her loving kindness,  
She asks nothing in return.  
As we look upon her picture,  
Sweet memories we recall,  
Of a face so full of sunshine,  
And a smile for one and all.  
Sweet Jesus, take this message,  
To our dear mother up above;  
Tell her how we miss her,  
And give her all our love.*

# *Order of Service*

## **Prelude**

Musical Selection

## **Processional**

Clergy & Family

## **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament

New Testament

## **Prayer of Comfort**

## **Selection**

Sherlyn Bell-Myers

## **Acknowledgments / Resolutions**

Elder Joanne Moon

## **Obituary**

## **Words of Reflection**

Pastor Hubbard

## **Selection**

## **Family Final Viewing**

## **Eulogy**

Bishop Gregory Woods

## **Recessional**

## **Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

*Pall Bearers*

*Family and Friends*

## *Afterglow*

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways of  
happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun of  
happy memories that I leave when life is done.



## *Acknowledgement*

The sun is always brightest just after days of rain,  
When winters through the sweetest of song birds sing again  
When roads are hard, there's beauty in view around the bend  
In need we learn to treasure the priceless name of FRIEND.  
Therefore, It is with grateful tears that we offer our thanks to all of you,  
Who have helped share our time of sorrow  
It's friends like you who care that make the burdens easier to bear  
May God bestow his richest blessings upon you always.

*~ The Family*

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