

Celebration
OF LIFE FOR



Rhodina
GARTH

Sunrise:
January 21, 1959

Sunset:
September 12, 2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026
Funeral: 10am

New Generation Worship Center
525 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ
Apostle Tracy R. Shider - Senior Pastor
Bishop Scott Blackmon - Eulogist

Order of Service

Officiant Pastor Dr. Jessie McNeal
Fountain of Praise Ministries

Processional

Prayer of Comfort Apostle Tracy Shider
New Generation Worship Center

Old Testament Elder Lynne Henderson - Ecclesiastics 3:1-8

New Testament Elder Alison Davis - John 14:1-3

Poem The Grandchildren
Khalia, Khamaya and Carnel Jr.

Song Evangelist Cheryl Roland
Church of the Living God

Acknowledgment and Reading of the Obituary..... Elder Alison Davis

Reflection Bish..... Family and Friends
(Two Minutes Each)

Song Evangelist Cheryl Roland
Church of the Living God

Eulogy Bishop Scott Blackmon
Fountain of Praise Ministries

Recessional “When We All Get To Heaven”

Burial:

Hillside Cemetery of Samptown
1400 New Market Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ



Obituary

Rhodina Deleath Garth received her wings Saturday, September 12, 2026 at JFK Medical Center in Edison, New Jersey. Rhodina was 67 years of age. Rhodina was the daughter of the late George and Juanita Moore. She was a devoted mother who loved her only child, Carnel. She attended Weequahic High School and graduated from Bloomfield College with a Bachelors Degree in creative arts, technology/music production.

At the early age of 3, Rhodina began her musical career. She played the piano, clarinet and violin in her native state of New Jersey. Like many of her appearances, Rhodina's career began in the Church of God in Christ in Englewood, NJ where her grandfather the late Hiawatha Henderson Sr. was Pastor. At this church, she acquired the melodic and soulful voice distinction that will later prove that Rhodina had a voice to be enjoyed by all. She later attended Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, NJ under the leadership of Dr. David Jefferson Sr.

Rhodina was a former member of the Executive Committee of the Black Music Association under the leadership of Hilda Williams, New York Chapter. Rhodina has been an opening act for The Delfonics. She worked with Mtume, Nancy Wilson, Miles Davis, Melba Moore, Bill Cosby, Atlantic Star, Peabo Bryson, Kool and the Gang and George Benson. She has numerous studio credits, background vocals, records and jingles. She also performed on the Uncle Floyd Show, Jerry Lewis Telethon and the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. Rhodina performed in several off Broadway plays Including Pearly, Guys and Dolls and Finian's Rainbow. She has appeared on the Joe Franklin Show, Miss America and Junior Miss America, local pageants and local cable television. Her style and creative abilities displayed her finest talents, as she was also a producer and songwriter.

In 1995, Rhodina was a two-time Apollo winner. In 2014, she reunited with The Delfonics at the Apollo Theatre. One of her biggest performances was at Sweet Waters in 1990, where she performed with the "Ellington Sister." Rhodina was pre-deceased by her husband, Walter Garth Jr. (aka Jojo) and one sister, Joanne Moore.

Rhodina is survived by her son Carnel Gourdine (Carolyn Gourdine) of Piscataway, New Jersey, three grandchildren Khalia, Khamaya and Carnel Jr. and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

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 day 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 behind,
When the day is done.
-Helen Lowrie Marshall*

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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