
Celebrating
the Life of
Tomasina
Harper
Sunrise: December 31, 1960
Sunset: November 3, 2026
Monday, November 16, 2026
Funeral Service: 10 AM
Coney Island Gospel Assembly
2828 Neptune Avenue • Brooklyn, New York 11224
Pastor Jason Hulla, Officiating

Obituary

Tomasina Harper, affectionately known as "Toma," was born on December 31, 1960, in Brooklyn, New York, to the late Thomas Reese Sr. and Martha Pack-Reese. From the beginning, Tomasina possessed a beautiful spirit, a joyful personality, and a heart for caring for others. Her life was defined by faith, family, laughter, love, and the special touches that made everyone around her feel welcome.

Tomasina received her education through the New York City Public School System and later continued her studies at Kingsborough Community College. She dedicated much of her professional life to serving the people of New York City through her employment with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). Throughout her career, she worked in various community programs, including after-school programs, evening programs, and summer camps, making a difference in the lives of children and families. Toward the latter part of her career, she continued her commitment to public service by working with the Department for the Aging.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Tomasina's greatest passion was taking care of the people she loved. She had a special gift for bringing people together, and her kitchen was often the center of love, laughter, and fellowship. She expressed her affection through her cooking, believing that a good meal could bring comfort, create memories, and make people feel at home. If you knew Toma, you knew that laughter was never far away.

As a mother, Tomasina was intentional about the lessons she passed on to her daughters. She taught them the importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and demonstrated the value of faith in everyday life. As a member of Coney Island Gospel Assembly, her faith was an important part of who she was. She also instilled in her daughters the importance of taking pride in their homes, caring for themselves, and understanding that success requires being both book-smart and people-smart. These were more than lessons; they were lifelong values she wanted them to carry into the world.

And then there was Toma's unmistakable sense of style! Standing just 5 feet 1 inch tall, she had a personality and fashion sense that were larger than life. She was a fashionista in her own right and took being cute very seriously. Whether it was her outfit, her appearance, or simply the way she carried herself, Tomasina understood that looking good was part of feeling good. She had her own style, her own flair, and a presence that could not be duplicated.

Tomasina was preceded in death by her beloved husband, the late Cedric Thomas Harper, and her daughter, the late Jada Harper. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Reese Sr. and Martha Pack-Reese Martin Jr. (deceased).: Dennis (deceased). Saadia (deceased)., Mitchell (deceased).

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her loving daughters, **Dr. Taneeka Harper** and **Nieame**; her beloved granddaughter, **Zoe**; her brothers, **Larry, Baron, and Thomas Reese Jr**.; along with extended family members, dear friends, and all those whose lives were touched by her love, kindness, generosity, and unforgettable personality.

Though our hearts are saddened by her absence, we find comfort in knowing that Tomasina's legacy lives on through the daughters she raised, the granddaughter she adored, the family she nurtured, and the countless lives she touched throughout her journey.

Her laughter will be remembered, her cooking will be missed, her style will never be forgotten, and the lessons she taught will continue to guide those she loved.

Toma may have stood only 5 feet 1 inch tall, but her love, her faith, her personality, and her impact stood much taller.

Rest peacefully, Toma. Your work here is done, but your love will live on forever.

Order of Service

Processional

Words of Comfort

Reading of Scripture:
Old Testament
New Testament

Musical Selection

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Remarks

Reading of Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Benediction

Funeral Director

Recessional





Joshua 1:9

Have not I commanded thee?
Be strong and of a good courage;
be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed:
for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.



Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers,
messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness
shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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