

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF**

***Norma C. Franklin-Haymon***

Sunrise: August 12, 1945 - Sunset: January 6, 2018



**Service:**

Friday, January 12, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey  
**Deacon Darrow N. Robinson, Officiating**  
**Joshua Nelson, Organist**

# Reflections

**Norma Carol Franklin Haymon** was born August 12, 1945 in Summit, New Jersey to the late Norman Paul Franklin and Marion Elizabeth Gardiner Franklin of Springfield, New Jersey. She grew up with her six sisters in her beloved community of Vauxhall.

Norma was proudly named after her father, who she adored. She inherited her love for consignment, "vintage" shopping and furniture restoration from her adoring mother. This interest became a lifelong hobby. And over the years, Norma surrounded herself with a lovely vintage collection she accumulated from yard sales, auctions, and her many travels.

Norma joined First Baptist Church of Vauxhall in the 60's. She joyfully praised God through her involvement in church events and many activities. In step with the times, Norma became a young activist and was involved in the Freedom Rides and the March on Washington.

Norma was educated in the Union School System. She had a strong interest in children which led her to pursue a degree in early childhood education at Jersey City State College. However, her free spirit and adventurous nature prompted her to leave school and move to Freeport, Bahamas where she worked as a model and radio personality. She became a well-known celebrity and was often featured in the local newspapers.

Norma returned to New Jersey to complete her education at Rutgers University in Newark where she earned a BS in Mathematics. It was at this time she met her sweetheart, Roosevelt Haymon. They were married in 1996 making Norma an instant "Stepmom" - one of the joys of her life! In their shared life, Norma enjoyed sporting events with Roosevelt, especially his weekly bowling challenges. Norma also loved to collect and read books of varying genres. She also cherished her recipe collection.

Norma lived life to the fullest and she always encouraged others to, "Do what you can, while you can!" You were a Wonderful little Sister. An endearing Big Sister. But most of all, you were our Perfect treasured Middle Sister. Your Spirit, your Heart, and Memories of you live in each of us. As your signature reply was, I Love You More, we now say, "We Love You More".

Norma was predeceased by her sisters, Joyce Davis-Roberts, Marilyn E. Hayes and Sherryl L. Thompson and stepson, Fuquan Ali-Haymon. She leaves to cherish her loving memory: devoted husband, Roosevelt Haymon; step-daughter Robin Goodwin (Gregory) of Williamsport, PA, three sisters, Sandra Robinson of Vauxhall, NJ, Valerie Hayes (Edward) of Greensboro, NC and Wanda Franklin (Howard) of Washington D.C.; one sister-in-law, Barbara Barnes of East Orange, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection.....“Precious Lord” Joshua Nelson

Scripture Reading

Old Testament .....Stephanie K. Pierce

New Testament.....Keith Pierce

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Gregory Goodwin

Selection.....“Going Up Yonder” Joshua Nelson

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements/Reflections ..... Dawn Taylor

Selection.....“I Won’t Complain”

Eulogy.....Deacon Darrow N. Robinson

Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

*Immediately following the Service a repast will be held at  
Sandwiches Unlimited  
23 N. Center Street, Orange, NJ*





## One Last Kiss

*I have fought the feelings and emotions  
inside That fills and empties me, like a fast  
rolling tide. There are moments of pain, Of  
sorrow and hate, Leaving me to ponder  
Many hours of late. I love you, honey. It's your  
presence I miss. And I terribly long For that one  
last kiss. But the greatest pain of all That hurts me so  
deep, Is after giving you my love I can't have yours to  
keep. To have you by my side Always longing for  
more, And have you feel the same, To mutually adore.  
You see, my love, I have given you my heart  
And revealed the depths of my soul,  
And now I am left feeling hopelessly empty,  
Paying this immeasurable toll.  
It's selfish, I know To feel this way,  
But it's how I feel Each and every day  
Always hoping and praying For the next time we meet  
For you to allow me, once again To feel complete.  
And rest assured, I WILL see you again,  
For it's not a question of if, But a question of when.  
And when that time comes I'll be in total bliss,  
For no longer will I wait For that one last kiss.*

## Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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