

*Celebration of Life*



*Cheryl M. Hawk*

*September 2, 1949 - January 10, 2019*

*Service:*

*Tuesday, January 15, 2019 - 10:00 am*

**Metropolitan Baptist Church**  
148 Springfield Ave., Newark, NJ

## *Obituary*

On Thursday, January 10, 2019, **Cheryl M. Hawk**, a beloved icon of the Newark Public School system, departed this life with her devoted husband, Freddie, by her side and entered her well deserved eternal rest.

Cheryl, a native Newarker, was educated in the Newark Public School system. She dedicated her life to educating young people and giving back to the community where she grew up. Cheryl graduated from West Side High where she met her knight in shining armor, Freddie S. Hawk, who would later become her husband. She went on to earn her B.A. in Business Education from the College of New Jersey and an M.A. in Administration from Kean College.

Throughout her 37 years of tenure with the Newark Public Schools, Cheryl demonstrated her leadership through a number of positions with increased responsibility. Cheryl had a reputation for maintaining high standards of excellence for herself, her students, and her colleagues. Her career as an educator in Newark began in 1971 when she was assigned as a Business Education teacher at Vailsburg High School. Cheryl was promoted to Department Chairperson of Business while there. She was then recruited by Superintendent Eugene Campbell for the position of Vice Principal at Westside High where she had the pleasure of supervising a number of her former teachers. During this wonderful experience, Cheryl was asked to come to the office of Staff Development as Assistant Director. Upon the Director's retirement, Cheryl was appointed Acting Director of Staff Development. However, Cheryl missed interacting with the children on a daily basis and after a few years in this position, she yearned to be back at school. She was appointed Principal at George Washington Carver where she enjoyed a few years of working with wonderful students and staff. Cheryl then became Principal of Clinton Avenue School. This was an exciting full circle career move, because she followed in the footsteps of her former teacher, role model, and mentor, Zelma Collins, who had also served as Principal of Clinton Avenue. When Clinton Avenue was reconfigured as a Pre K program, Cheryl's role changed once again as she became Principal of Belmont Runyon and Clinton Avenue Pre School.

Cheryl has always been a woman of strong faith and attended church regularly. She was committed to living in service to others and was involved in a variety of civic and professional organizations; most notably is her membership in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Among the many things Cheryl enjoyed were her family, friends, shopping, reading, cooking, and going to the movies. Cheryl was a generous and giving person. Her philosophy was if she could help someone on her journey then her living would not have been in vain.

Cheryl is survived by her loving husband, Freddie S., whom she enjoyed 48 years of marital bliss, their two loving sons, Tyrone and Michael (Tyasha), nine grandchildren, and her sister, Treacy Lee (Alonzo). She was predeceased by her parents, Willie Mae & Louis David White, her sister, Marsha Gray, and her brother, Wayne White. She also leaves to mourn her brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, neices, nephews, cousins, dear friends, and her Delta Sigma Theta sisters.

Cheryl realized that she had a wonderful, blessed, and fulfilling life, which she contributed to her family & friends.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Old Testament

Psalm 21:1-8

New Testament

Solo

Resolutions/Acknowledgements

Remarks

*Stephanie Minatee, Tyrone Hawk,  
Michael Hawk, & Zaimir Hawk.*

Obituary

*Bonita Hickman*

Solo

Eulogy

*Dr. Reverend David Jefferson*

Recessional

## **Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

## **Repast:**

Immediately following the Interment at:

**Metropolitan Baptist Church**  
149 Springfield Ave., Newark, NJ

# *My Journey's Just Begun*

*Don't think of me as gone away,  
my journey's just begun,  
Life holds so many facets  
This earth is but one.*

*Just think of me as resting  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no days and years.*

*Think of how I must be wishing  
That you could know today,  
How nothing but your sadness  
Can really go away.*

*And think of me as living  
In the hearts of those I've touched  
For nothing loved is ever lost  
And I know I was loved so much.*



## *Acknowledgement*

*We thank you for your kindness, love, support, and concern during  
Cheryl's illness and passing.  
The family of Cheryl Hawk*

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