

In Loving Memory of
Tina Thorp

Sunrise
January 15, 1957

Sunset
June 16, 2020



Service

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 • 12:00 Noon

COTTON PARKER FUNERAL HOME

37 Clinton Ave. • Jersey City, New Jersey

Obituary

Tina Marie Thorp who was affectionately known by many names: Tee, Ms. T, Momma Tee, was born January 15, 1957 in Jersey City, NJ. She lived most of her life in Jersey City. She was one of 2 children born to the late Mrs. Essie M. Thorp (Ree) and the late Benjamin Thorp Sr. She attended and graduated from Snyder High School and later New Jersey City University. Immediately after graduating she started her 41 year career in education.

Tina was an extremely sweet and kindhearted person, known for her generous, warm and helpful spirit. She had many passions, but the greatest and most treasured part of her life was her genuine love of her family. Having dedicated much of her life to her mother, daughter and her brother, she enjoyed spending time with them. Her daughter was her pride and joy. She was so proud of the beautiful woman Gentrell was growing to be. Tina was a very outgoing person. She loved to bowl, shop, and especially hit the casinos with her girlfriends. Tina also loved to catch a Broadway play and dinner with her daughter. She was a church going woman and even served on the usher board and sang in the choir. Tina traveled often with family and went to the NJEA convention every summer.

Tina was also a caring and dedicated teacher and mentor to many in the Jersey City Board of Education. She was also a devoted member of the Jersey City Education Association. After many years of being a Union Rep at P.S. 5, she decided to change shifts and in 2012 she became the Second Vice President of the Jersey City Education Association and also the first African American Female grievance chair. She continued her specialty- which seemed to be to help people in any way that she could. If she knew it or not- many people looked to her for guidance, for empathy, for her caring ways, for a shoulder to lean on, for assurance and even for friendship. She had a way of making people feel like everything would be alright. She always asked about your family, always had a warm smile, and always made time to listen.

Those who will cherish memories of her include her daughter, Gentrell R Sessoms, her brother Benjamin Thorp Jr, a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, God Children (Noah Bernard), extended family and many very dear friends. Her warm smile and her ability to make every person feel that they were the only person in her world, captured our hearts and will continue to inspire us to be the best we could be. Her legacy to us is to love well, see, help and develop the potential in others.

Tina's physical body left this earth peacefully on June 16, 2020. She will be deeply missed and impossible to forget.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

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Bayview Cemetery
Jersey City, New Jersey



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
 I'm following the path God laid for me
 I took his hand when I heard Him call
 I turned my back and left it all.
 I could not stay another day.
 To laugh, to love, to work or play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way,
 I found that peace at the close of day.
 If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it up with remembered joy.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I savored much.
 Good friends, good times,
 a loved one's touch.
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
 Don't lengthen it now
 with undue grief.
 Lift up your heart and share with me,
 God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of **Tina Thorp** wishes to express our sincere thanks for the prayers and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

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