

In Loving Memory of  
*Rita M. Fortenberry*

January 23, 1954 – October 17, 2022



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022 -10:00 AM

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

# *Obituary*



Rita Margaret Fortenberry was born on January 23, 1954 in Newark, NJ to the late Roxanna and Thomas Fortenberry. She graduated from Eastside Highschool in 1971 in Newark, NJ. She spent over 30 years with the love of her life Richard Chambers. Rita worked at Morris View Nursing home in Morristown, NJ for 35 years before retiring. After retirement, she continued her union work at Local 1199J. Rita was very active as the President of Terrell Homes Tenant Association. She was a pillar in her community & advocated for the Irounbound section where she was raised over 60 years. Rita departed on Monday October 17, 2022 at Beth Israel hospital in Newark, NJ. She was proceeded in death by her parents: Roxanne and Thomas Fortenberry, the love of her life: Richard Chambers, her grandson: Devoughn Fortenberry, her sisters : Doris Rackley, Janice Brisco, Verma Reese, her only beloved brother: Sanders Fortenberry, her nieces: Rhonda Roberts, Janine Roberts, her nephews: Keith Rackley, Stephen (Sulamar) Rackley, Leo Roberts, great nephew: Shane Roberts. Cherishing her memories she leaves her children: Avery, Angela & Shaneika Fortenberry, her grandsons: Naijuwaun Fortenberry, Raheim Maldonado, Ibn-Rajahn McKinnon, her only granddaughter: Seaunna Fortenberry, her great grandkids: Breanli Marita Fortenberry, Jeremiah Demetrius Maldonado, Jahsiel Kahlil Fortenberry, God children: Cheyanne Sawyer, Karron Andre Washington, special devoted sister-in-law, Cynthia Fortenberry,

Special friends: Ernice West (deceased), Gloria Grace, Agatha Sawyer, Valerie Hall, Dorothy Brazil, Rosemary Herald, Pauline Wright (deceased) Cynthia Johnson (deceased), Kathy Hall, Yolanda Dol, Isaac Green Diebboll, Cynthia Walton, Veronica Terrell (deceased), Beverly Grace and a host of loving nieces, nephews, family and friends.

## SPECIAL LOVED ONES

### NIECES & NEPHEWS :

Zena Gurley, Omar Rackley, Thomas Fortenberry, Sonya Fortenberry  
David Fortenberry, Shawn Fortenberry, Troy Davis, Michelle Herald, Aubrey  
Reese, Lamont Fortenberry, Jermaine Reese & Jontue Brisco

### GREAT NIECES & NEPHEWS :

#### Marquell Gurley, Tysan Gurley

Anthony Gurley, Calvin O' Neal, Jazmine Fortenberry, Ibn Cheatham, Charae Ross  
Taesha Harris, Thomas Fortenberry Jr., Daniel Fortenberry, Barry (BJ) Goods  
David (BUD) Fortenberry, Kailah Fortenberry, Khyri Fortenberry, Shawn,  
Fortenberry Jr., Dorris Rackley, Omar Rackley Jr. & Kailiah Rackley

# *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

## *Interment*

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

A Grandmother is one of life's best gifts, someone to treasure all life through. She's caring and loving, thoughtful and true, Someone who is always a special part of your life, Someone who holds a prime place in your heart, She's a mentor, confidant and also a friend , someone on whose love you can depend .

A Grandmother always has your best interest at heart, She's someone so dear and so good , She's a blessing, she's a gift , a treasure like no other, someone that is truly wonderful. Wherever you go, and whatever you do, a grandmother's love will always see you through, a Grandmother is truly invaluable, indispensable and unforgettable. I wouldn't want anyone but you ,and that's why we are so grateful that life picked you for us.

"WE LOVE YOU DEEPLY".

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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