



Norma Irene Thompson

October 14, 1947 - December 19, 2020

Norma Jefferson Thompson, age 73, passed away peacefully December 19, 2020 due to her struggle with ovarian cancer. She was born October 14, 1947 in the “Windy City” to Nelson and Shirley Jefferson who were not aware that she was deaf until she was 8 years old. During that time, lip reading was the emphasized method of communication, but it was through a preacher that Norma learned her first words in American Sign Language – “Jesus”, the “cross” and “forgiveness”.

In 1968 at the National Institute of the Deaf (NTID), she was among the first 70 deaf students to pilot a new deaf technological college established by the federal government to expand vocational opportunities for the deaf. It was at NTID that Norma met her college love, Thomas (Tommy) Joseph Thompson, whom she married in 1971. After 8 brief years of marriage and the birth of her oldest son Michael (Mike), Tommy unexpectedly passed away two months before her youngest son, Timothy (Tim), was born. Following Tommy’s death, Norma spent many years working and supporting two young boys as a single mother.

Norma was known as “Momma Sweet” to her family. She was a very sweet and happy soul – always smiling and loved a good laugh. She was very creative and developed her love of art at NTID. She loved to draw, go to Hobby Lobby to find the latest yarn colors, spend time with dogs, socializing

with her deaf friends and binging on the Hallmark Channel. She crocheted beautiful blankets and crafts constantly. Her hands were constantly producing beautiful work.

But Norma's passion was the things of God. She had unshakeable faith that one day she would go to Heaven because she believed that Jesus died for her sins, rose from the grave and conquered death. She showed this every day in her daily studying of the Bible, helping to teach sign language during church music camp, sharing scripture, and telling others about how they could meet her in Heaven. Her life was a living example of her favorite Bible verse, John 3:16 — "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

She is survived by her oldest son Michael, his wife Natalie and 3 granddaughters Elizabeth, Laura and Caroline; her youngest son, Timothy and grandson Ezekiel Thomas. She loved each of them dearly.

Please join us in celebrating her life Tuesday December 29, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time at Haymarket Baptist Church, 14800 Washington Street, Haymarket, Virginia. For those unable to attend in person, remote participation will also be available and provided in a separate communication.

Previous Events

funeral

DEC **29**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Haymarket Baptist Church
14800 Washington Street
Haymarket, VA 20168

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norma Irene Thompson.*



December 28, 2020 at 04:08 PM

MT

“ *13 files added to the tribute wall*



Michael Thompson - December 22, 2020 at 10:29 PM

VF

“ *Notma was a very close and dear friend of mine for many years. I got the wonderful privilege of caring for her 2 boys, Mike & Tommy when Norma went on outings, and one outing Harper Ferry, she introduced to me became my families favorite place. Norma was ALWAYS positive and her laughter and love was evidence of her love for Jesus. I am saddened by her leaving and not sharing fun messages with her, but I KNOW she is now in a place of everlasting peace and love with her Lord, Jesus Christ!!*

Victoria Ferris - December 22, 2020 at 10:11 PM

GA

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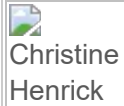


Gaye - December 22, 2020 at 08:57 PM

GA

I am Mike's Mother-in-law. When I met Norma I was taken by her smile, and the sparkle in her eyes. If you knew her you know what I mean. It was love at first sight. She was deaf and I could not sign so I resorted to a lot of slap stick comedy over the years. I always admired her for raising two outstanding men on her own. She knew I loved her. I am going to miss her so much.

Gaye - December 22, 2020 at 09:14 PM



Christine
Henrick

“ *This is Ms. Christine from Arlington, VA in the Rosslyn Downtown area. I'm very sorry for your loss. She will be truly missed. We met at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria in Alexandria, VA, years ago. We attended Worship Service, Bible Study classroom, Gathering Praying, special occasion events, eat together, and very often riding together events. I came to her place a few times. Your mother came to my home three times included my birthday lunch party last month on the 7th of November, Saturday at Lance's house. She brought her homemade Pudding Fruit Salad. Everyone ate all of them. I am happy that she could come, your mother was excited and thrilled to be here. We did take our last picture together and, even in video. I gave her many hugs, as much as I can because she shared with me about her life in the past. I'm so glad that I got to know her ever since and miss her laughing voice full of joy, a sound to remember. Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss.*



Christine Henrick - December 22, 2020 at 08:51 PM

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“ *Sorry for the loss of your mother and she is having ball up there w/ family/friends especially Jesus...Remember the good times that y'all have in your life.*



Jill Moebus (friend) - December 22, 2020 at 06:51 PM



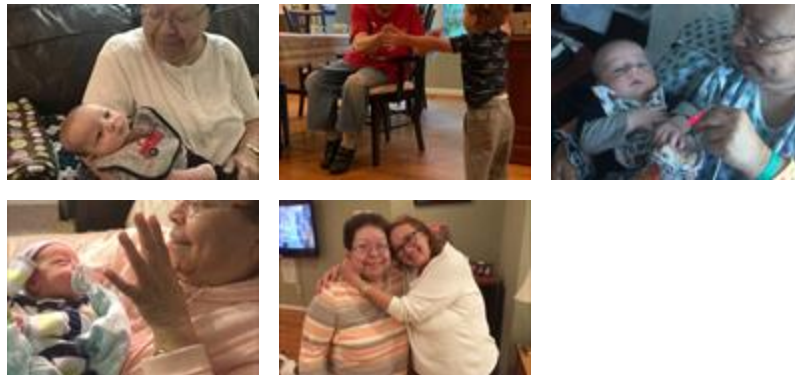
“ One of her few and closest friends over twenty years I have ever had! We had long fellowshiped in The Word of Yahweh and exchanged a lot of personal experiences both spiritually and naturally even I had temporarily lived with her twice. We used to worship in several houses of Yahweh in Metro Washington DC area and even attended the DC-based Messianic Jewish congregation's Passover Seder event. It was the long, arduous but most graceful journey together until the time she wanted to go Home to sit 'at the feet of the Great Name above all names' - Yeshua. I am going to see her in the 'Next Morning' in Yeshua's Name!!!!!!



Deborah Titus - December 22, 2020 at 03:57 PM



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Tim - December 22, 2020 at 02:07 PM

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Michael Thompson - December 22, 2020 at 01:45 PM

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Tim - December 22, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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Mama Sweet & Zeke share a laugh.

Tim - December 22, 2020 at 02:10 PM

GO

What a beautiful memory. Thank you for sharing this.

Glenna Ohlms - December 22, 2020 at 02:14 PM



Beautiful video of the first Thompson grandson entering into the world and sharing the smile of joy upon his grandmother's face - Sister Norma Thompson!!!!

Deborah Titus - December 22, 2020 at 03:47 PM

MB

I received sad news about Norma's passing. I had known her since 1969 when I entered the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID). I had great memories with her during our days in college. Such infectious smiles and laughs she possessed. Norma and Tom Thompson had been great friends of mine. I caught up with her at the NTID's 50th Anniversary celebration in June 2018, and it was great visiting with her and catching up what we had been doing over the years. She never changed, the very same Norma in character and personality, just like back in those days in college. May the Lord give her family strength and courage to move on and live to the fullest. I miss her but only temporarily. I'm looking forward to seeing her in Paradise whenever the Lord calls me. See you later, Norma!

*Michael Boyd
Florissant, MO*

Michael Boyd - December 23, 2020 at 02:41 PM