



Emma Norris Thornton

July 6, 1953 - March 20, 2020

Emma Norris Thornton daughter of the late Linwood and Edith Thornton was born on July 6, 1953 in Pocomoke City, Maryland. She departed this life on Friday, March 20, 2020. Emma was affectionately known as Aunt Emma and Emma Norris by friends and loved ones.

Emma received her education in Worcester County Public Schools and was a proud member of the Class of 1971. Emma's employment history consisted of various general labor jobs in Maryland, Delaware, and Florida. Emma was known for her compassion, generosity, overall vibrant spirit, and showing her love through cooking for the community.

Emma was preceded in death by her parents Edith and Linwood Thornton, brother Keith Thornton, and sister Shirley Thornton. She leaves to cherish her memory her only daughter Tanya Thornton (Smyrna, DE), two granddaughters Zanyell Thornton (Dover, DE) and Zakiya Thornton (Smyrna, DE), two great grandchildren Malek and Zeveah Thornton (Smyrna, DE), four sisters Barbara Milbourne (Kenneth) (Dover, DE) Patsy Thornton, Regina Roberts, and Cathy Thornton (Pocomoke City, MD), four brothers Linwood Thornton (Salisbury, MD) Cornelius Thornton (Ethel) and Robert Thornton (Corliss) (Pocomoke City, MD), Lafayette Thornton (Anne) (Bluffton, SC), and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Tribute Wall

ZT

“ *I love you and always will.*

Zanyell Thornton - April 20, 2020 at 01:50 PM

BS

“ *EMMA WAS A FREE SPIRIT that kind of spirit that only comes from GOD.whom ever she was around she was ALWAYS Laughing dancing and smiling.u don't b around many people like that and that's the kind of person u enjoy to b around.the joy of the Lord is surely your strength .I believe Emma had it.family u R in my thoughts and prayers.GO with GOD. LOVECuz Betty*

Betty Lee schoolfield - March 27, 2020 at 03:54 PM

MD

“ *My deepest condolences to the Thornton family. Emma was such a fun-loving person. She was always the same person no matter the span of time that we saw each other. I will miss you. Rest in Heavenly Peace my classmate and friend. Marilyn Hall DeShields*
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Marilyn DeShields - March 27, 2020 at 08:56 AM

ZT

“ *It\u2019s not goodbye. It\u2019s see you later*
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Zakiya Thornton - March 26, 2020 at 08:12 AM

SJ

“ I along with the Thornton girls have a special bond. Especially Patsy, Shirley, Emma, and I. We go way back! I use to ask Emma why in the world did Ms. Edith name her Norris? We used to laugh at that! As the years went on, Emma became very attached to my mother. She loved herself some Ms. Bea! She regularly fixed mother meals, gave her monetary gifts and visited her as often as she could. I will never forget my friend, Emma Norris Thornton. Rest in heaven.

Shelia Jackson - March 25, 2020 at 03:54 PM

PW

“ My condolences to the Thornton family. Emma was a good friend; a good person. I will miss our calls that were always filled with laughter and memories of times spent together. I love you all. Rest In Peace Dear Friend.Paulette Waters

Paulette Waters - March 25, 2020 at 09:33 AM

YN

“ Condolences to the Thornton Family. Emma was one of kind. I love you and will truly miss you. And your dinner's.

Yvette Northam - March 24, 2020 at 12:58 AM

RG

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Emma. She was a good friend and had a great sense of humor. Praying for her family during this difficult time. Regina Purnell Goss

Regina Purnell Goss - March 22, 2020 at 10:24 AM