



Theresa O. Bess

September 3, 1955 - March 20, 2013

Theresa Olivia Sanders Bess was born September 3, 1955 in Philadelphia, PA, to Leroy and Gloria Sanders. She went home to be with her Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at home with her family by her side. She graduated from Germantown High School in Philadelphia. She was employed for many years at Einstein Medical Center in Elkins Park, PA. She married Norwood (Woodie) Bess and they lived in Philadelphia before relocating to Magnolia, DE, in 2009. Recently, she was employed with A. I. DuPont Hospital for Children in Milford, DE, before she became ill.

She accepted the Lord as her personal savior at a young age. She has been faithful and committed to serving her Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. She was a member of Solid Rock Baptist Church, Dover, Delaware, where she served on the usher board, and ministered to the sick and shut-in by cooking and delivering meals. She devoted her life to caring for her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Norwood (Woodie) Bess, a daughter, Sherrell R. Barnes of Philadelphia, and six grand children, Tyrel Barnes; Brianna Barnes; Paula Barnes; Tariz Rucker; Sianni Mitchell (Mya Felicia Barnes); and Taylor Rucker; her mother, Gloria Sanders; four brothers, Rodney Sanders (Cheryl); Malcolm Sanders (Patrice); Lee Sanders (Casidy); and Prince Brown (Bonnie); three sisters, Denise Hardy (Ricky); Michelle Bennett (Tim); and Elizabeth Johnson (Kenneth). She was preceded in death by her father, Leroy

Sanders; and sister, Felicia E. Sanders (Danielle and DeCarl Smith). She also leaves to cherish uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Tribute Wall

AW

“ Theresa was like an aunt to me. She was my Aunt Anitha Cuyler's best friend. Funny story: When I was in JR H.S. I was bullied by a girl who was much bigger and older than I. I will never foreget the day my Aunt and Theresa left G-town H.S to come to my school to see about me. Both approached the girl and you can imagine the rest (non-violent). That was so funny to me. Both my aunt and Theresa taught me how to stand up for myself. I will always remember that. To the family, I hope my story will lift your spirits. We continue to pray for your family as well as my Aunt Anita. Hold on to Jesus...

Arhonda Cuyler Williams - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ You have my most heart felt sympathy and prayers. May the God of all comfort, comfort you at this precious time of grieving. I will not forget the wonderful way Theresa and Woody blessed our GLA events with good food, warmth, and service. I rejoice that Theresa is home with her Lord and praise Him for allowing her to cross my path.

Billie June Whitley - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ The Jenkins family was surprised to learn today of the death of Theresa. We are sorry for your loss. Our families go way back to the late 60's. you are in our prayers. We had great times with Theresa and the Sanders Family. May God bless and keep you during this time.

Marlene Jenkins Cooper - March 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *To The Family,
Please accept my condolence. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. I hope that you are able to draw comfort from the scriptures during this difficult time. One of my favorite text says, “If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.” (Job 14:14, 15).*

Sherry - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *You have my sincere sympathy for your loss. I pray you will find peace and comfort in knowing that Jehovah God is aware of your pain and He cares and will support you during this time of sadness.- I Peter 5:7. I hope Jesus' words will comfort you also."Do not marvel at this, the hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out."(John 5:28,29) Just imagine the joy of being reunited with your love one when Jesus resurrect and restore them back to life, with the prospect of living forever on the paradise earth.-John 11:11-44; Luke 23:43. May God continue to bless and comfort the Bess'Family.-Isaiah 66:13.*

Mattie Jones - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM