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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Randolph Family would like to acknowledge each act of kindness and love displayed during this time. We sincerely appreciate the calls, texts, expression of condolences and most of all the prayers. May God continue to bless, strengthen, and comfort you.

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Verrell MAJORIE RANDOLPH

NOVEMBER 24, 1939 — OCTOBER 7, 2026

HER LIFE STORY

Verrell Marjorie Randolph was born Verrell Marjorie Jones on November 24, 1939, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, to the late Marjorie Verrell Jones and Warren Jones Sr. She was raised in Pleasantville, New Jersey, by her grandparents, Laveda Jones and Samuel Jones, who played an important role in shaping the remarkable woman she would become.

Verrell attended Pleasantville High School, where she pursued a college preparatory curriculum and showed an early commitment to education and academic achievement. She was also active in athletics, and basketball was her sport of choice.

She continued her educational journey at Montclair State University, where she majored in sociology and proudly graduated in 1985. Her college thesis focused on the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and reflected her deep concern for mothers who struggled to provide adequate food and nutrition for their children. Her research showed her compassion for underserved families and her commitment to understanding the social challenges facing women.

A Distinguished Career in Medical Science

Verrell was a woman of extraordinary intelligence, determination, and dedication. She served as a medical researcher, laboratory technician, and teacher at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), now part of Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. Her passion for science, education, and medical advancement led her into important research in cancer, nutrition, and oncology. From 1998 to 2002, her work appeared in internationally recognized scientific journals, including The Journal of Nutrition, Nutrition and Cancer, Anticancer Research, the International Journal of Cancer, Biochemical Society Transactions, and the International Journal of Oncology. Her professional accomplishments reflected a lifetime commitment to learning, discovery, and service.

A Musical Legacy: The Garden State Choir

During the 1960s, Verrell was a proud member of the renowned Garden State Choir, which performed at the Apollo Theater, the World's Fair, and numerous churches and theaters throughout the United States. She took part in recording four albums and several records under the direction of her beloved husband, the late Joshua B. "Josh" Randolph Jr. Their contribution to the Garden State Choir reflected their love of music and left a lasting musical legacy.

A Legacy of Community Love and Youth Leadership

During the 1980s, Verrell founded the N. Maple Ave. Pros, a youth organization that brought together children and young adults living on North Maple Avenue in East Orange, New Jersey, between Williams Street and Park Avenue. Verrell believed that young people were more than children growing up in the neighborhood. She saw them as future leaders, a united team, and a generation capable of building something meaningful together. Through her vision, she created an environment where young people learned unity, teamwork, respect, responsibility, and the value of growing up surrounded by loving, supportive families.

What began as a neighborhood effort soon became something much greater. Children from surrounding blocks wanted to join the N. Maple Ave. Pros because of the sense of belonging, friendship, and togetherness it represented, and Verrell welcomed them with open arms. She believed that love, encouragement, and opportunity should never be limited by where someone lived. Her dedication left lasting memories and lifelong friendships, and she taught an entire generation that they were not simply neighbors but an extended family with the power to uplift one another. Verrell did more than bring a neighborhood together. She helped build a community, shape young lives, and create a legacy of love and unity that will last for generations.

Family

Verrell was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Joshua Beaner Randolph Jr.; her son, Joshua Beaner Randolph III; her mother, Marjorie Verrell Jones; her father, Warren Jones Sr.; her grandmother, Laveda Jones; and her brothers, Warren Jones Jr., Richard Jones, Donald Jones, and Edward Jones.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her beautiful and loving daughter, Theresa Louise Randolph; her bonus daughter, Jacqueline Epps; her sister, Warrette Williams; her brothers, Frank Williams and Paul Williams; her sister-in-law, Fannie Harrison; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

ORDER OF *Service*

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Funeral Service | 12:00 pm
First Timothy Baptist Church
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