

Words From A Mother,

Through A Daughter

Come on everybody, why you look so sad?

Hold your head up, wipe your eyes,
you act like somebody died.

When I'm very much alive, I just left this old
fleshly body to step in a new one from God.
I couldn't lay in that bed one more day, not after
the blessed life that I've had.

From raising my children to owning my own
business, to my church and community, and
then to all of you, my family and friends.

You all know I've had a busy and full life; and that's so true.

So don't be sad, this is just the end of one
chapter and the beginning of a new.

I'm quite sure God has alot of ventures
up there for me to do.

So, to my children, please don't be sad
I'm so proud of you Fred and Meguel
you are both good men and dads
I couldn't ask for better sons.

And to Toni, it's time for you to grow up
and be the woman I know you can be.
your brothers are going to need their big sister
as much as they need me.

Now Patricia, thanks for being a part of my family
it's time for you to shut up and listen and let
God help you through, because Jordan needs
her mother, so grow up.

And to my sister, JoAnn, I couldn't ask
for a better little sister, or a friend.

And to my grandchildren, I love you
and Nana is so proud of you

so, when you need me, just look up, Nana is always around.

And to the rest of my family and friends
don't feel forgotten by me

It would take hours for me to tell each and every
one of you what you mean to me

Just know you have the special place in my heart.

So, see, this is a homegoing, a happy time.

Hold your head up, dry them eyes.

This is not farewell or goodbye, this is just wait
until I see you again
when I meet you on the other side.

Now I pray for each and every one of you...
to have a blessed and fun life like mine.

And don't be sad be happy when you think of me.

Because I'm happy on the other side.

Love Marva

Pallbearers

Arturo Boykin
Brandon Hall
Marcus Greene
Jason Hall
Antonio McCrary
LaDon Nixon
Lowell Wade
Marlon Wright

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens
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Acknowledgement

The family of Marva Norton acknowledges with
grateful and sincere appreciation your many kind
expressions of sympathy shown to them at this time.



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**Celebrating
The Life of**

*Mrs. Marva
Norton*



**Sunrise: July 10, 1942
Sunset: February 8, 2025**

Service:

10:30 A.M. • Saturday, February 15, 2025
Paradise Funeral Chapel & Arrangement Services
1107 East Miller Road • Lansing, Michigan 48911
Reverend Charles Magee, Officiating Minister

Obituary

*"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High,
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."*

~ Psalm 91:1

Marva Norton passed away Saturday, February 8, 2025, in Lansing, Michigan at the age of 82 years old. She was born on Friday, July 10, 1942, in Bessemer Alabama, the daughter of Marvett and Zola Mae Pines. She was educated in the Bessemer School District, finishing high school at Dunbar High. She then attended Alabama A&M College.

Along with her siblings, *Marva* was required to attend church every Sunday at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Stories have been told that *Marva* could be seen playing ball "in her slip" after church services were concluded where she dragged her younger brother, Erskine.

Marva left Bessemer and lived in New York City for a while, where she also gave birth to Toni Pines. After some years she relocated to Michigan where she met and married Fred Norton Sr. From that union were born Fred Norton II and Meguel Norton. *Marva* became a foster parent to Patricia and Porsha. After some years she adopted Patricia, known as Patty Ann.

Marva was a CPA at an architecture firm in Lansing during her early years. During her time with the firm, she started doing work as a CPA for many black small business owners in Lansing. Some of her clients were hair salon owners, which led her to set up an office in one of her client's shops after she left her job with the city. The more time she spent around the hair industry, it inspired her to open her own salon. She named the shop "Simply Marvelous Beauty Salon." Her shop was open for many years until it became difficult to do hair because of issues with her hands.

Marva served as the Youth Ministry leader for Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church for 10 plus years. During that time, she implemented many youth programs and planned a lot of youth events. *Marva* had a love for all children and her approach was that of a loving mother. Even the children's friends view her as a second mom. She was loved by those that knew her.

Left to cherish *Marva* memories are four children, Toni Pines, Fred (Kidist) Norton, II of Seattle, Washington, Meguel Norton of Lansing, Michigan, Patty Ann Daniel; Grandchildren, Leila Norton, Isaiah Norton, Meguel Norton, II, McIntyre Fourman, and Jordan Daniel; two sisters, Maggie Thomas of Southfield, Michigan and JoAnn Greene of Cleveland, Ohio; one brother: Herman Coleman of Oakland, California; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special friends Louella Love, Jacqueline Wright, and Emma Crawford Johnson.

Marva was preceded in death by her parents, grandmother, Niece Pines; sisters, Lillian (Arthur) Boykin of Cleveland, Ohio, Mildred (Arnold) Hall, Lansing, Michigan; brothers, Freddie Coleman, Walter Lee (Mary) Coleman, Erskine Coleman; special aunts, Juliet Thomas and Pearl L. Pines; and special uncle, Zettie Brown.



Order of Service

Prelude.....	Musician
Processional.....	Family
Old & New Testament Scripture.....	Reverend Charles Magee
Prayer.....	Delores Epps
Selection.....	Emma Crawford Williams
Acknowledgements of Cards & Condolences.....	Linda Green
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Poem by Toni Pines.....	Nicole M. Greene
Expressions.....	Please Limit to 2 Minutes..... Family & Friends
Selection.....	Emma Crawford Williams
Eulogy.....	Reverend Charles Magee
Committal, Benediction, Recessional...	

