

IF ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN

If roses grow in heaven
Lord please pick a bunch for me
Place them in my Mother's arms
And tell her they are from me.
Tell her I love her and miss her
and when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for a while
Because remembering her is easy
I do it every day
But there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

IN APPRECIATION

The family wishes to express our deepest gratitude for your love, prayers,
and support during this time. May God bless and keep you in his care~

INTERMENT

Hollywood Memorial Park & Cemetery
Union, NJ

REPAST TO FOLLOW

Bethlehem Judah Christian Fellowship
83 Galloping Hill Road
Elizabeth, NJ 07208



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KAREN DENISE Newborn

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Karen Denise Newborn was born August 11, 1959, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, to the late Lucille and Mike Newborn. She departed this life on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at JFK Hospital in Edison, New Jersey.

Karen received her education in the Elizabeth Public School System in Elizabeth, NJ where she graduated from Elizabeth High School in 1979. Early in her career she worked for white Castle before she found her calling as a Home Health Aide, a role she embraced with compassion and dedication until her retirement in 1996.

Karen was a devoted member of Bethel Holy Church Ascension of Christ, under the leadership of Pastor Ronald Lyles for many years. She enjoyed singing in both the Junior and Young Adult Choirs. A true music lover, Karen especially enjoyed the old school vibes of her Oldies but Goodies. Even though she couldn't dance, she never let that stop her from enjoying every beat. Above all, Karen had a deep love for her family. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her grandchildren, watching them with pride and showering them with love and care. She will be remembered for her warm spirit and generous heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lucille and Mike Newborn; one sister, Shirley Louis, and a brother Emanuel R. Newborn; her long time significant other, James Garnett, Jr.

She will be sadly missed but always remembered by all who loved her. She has left behind many beautiful memories. She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her five children Monique Meyers of Edison, New Jersey, James Meyers, Nikkia Newborn, Alfonso Garnett, and Brandi Newborn all of Elizabeth, New Jersey; two sisters, Florence Newborn and Deltrois Newborn both of Rahway, New Jersey; one brother Michael Newborn (Susan) of Willingboro, New Jersey; one brother-in-law, Lamonte Louis, Sr. of Pueblo, Colorado; eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren; a close friend Deacon Sam Dove; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Order SERVICE

Wednesday, November 5, 2025
11:00 AM
Bethlehem Judah Christian Fellowship
83 Galloping Hill Road, Elizabeth, NJ 07208

MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN
Blessed Assurance

OPENING PRAYER
Elder Ayyad Starkey

OLD TESTAMENT
Eldress Doris Jones

NEW TESTAMENT
Evangelist June Jones

PRAYER OF COMFORT
Minister Sharonetta Maye

SOLO
Min Pamela Maye

REFLECTIONS
Limit 2 mins

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & OBITUARY
Mrs. Evelyn Keith

SOLO
"Lord You Are Good"
Elder Ayyad Starkey

EULOGY
Elder Ayyad Starkey

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

