

Mother

By Tamara Norton-Fair

There is a lady very dear to me,
Who happens to be in my family tree.
She nourished me and taught me right from wrong,
Then she let me loose all on my own.
So, I thought that I would drop this line, to tell you about this mother of mine.
She had a nice smile and stood yea high,
But in my eyes she was as tall as the sky.
She taught me to take the bitter with the sweet,
And at all times, to be mild, gentle, and meek.
I'll try to follow in her footsteps as long as I live, to love my fellowman, to listen, to give.
She cheered me up when I was sad,
The greatest friend I ever had.
I wish her well because there is no other to take the place of my dear mother.

Acknowledgments

The family of Mary Louise Norton wishes to extend our sincerest thanks to everyone for their prayers, words of encouragement, texts, calls, food and all expressions of love during this difficult time.

The Family

**The Family is welcoming all for a repast at 3403 Penfield Road, Columbus, OH 43227
Immediately following the service.**

In Loving Memory



Mary Louise Norton

July 9, 1932 – July 13, 2022

Happy is the one who has the God of Jacob as his helper, Whose hope is in Jehovah his God- Psalm 146:5 NWT

I Served Jehovah

Shaw-Davis Funeral Home
4341 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43214
Saturday, July 30, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Ronald Chapman

The Obituary

Mary Louise (Malone) Norton was born July 9, 1932, to Frank and Metter Jane (Davis) Malone in Athens, Alabama. She was the second youngest of 7 children. She passed away July 13, 2022, at the age of 90. At the age of 14, in the fall of 1946, her parents purchased a farm and moved their family to U.S. Hwy 41 in Rosedale, Indiana just north of Terre Haute. It was there that Mary honed her hard work ethic. She already knew what a strong, unified family looked like and how they supported one another. So, it was no doubt that is how she would raise hers. Mary met and married Edward D. Norton, October 11, 1952, and to that union, 5 beautiful children were born. They moved their family to Columbus, OH in 1958. They divorced in 1964. She was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses on October 13, 1974. Mary served Jehovah God loyally and faithfully for over 48 years. She preached and taught the Good News of God's Kingdom to her children and to many that would give her a listening ear. She was a member of the Berwick Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses until her passing. She was a hard worker and worked multiple jobs at a time to provide for her children and grandchildren. Her first job in Columbus was at the Main Bowling Lanes, after that she cleaned offices for Dr. Joseph, she then went on to work for ECCO Family Health as a nutritionist, in that role she helped implement the W.I.C. (Women's Infants & Children) program and helped many young parents with assistance and resources. Evenings she worked at Nationwide Insurance with her brother-in-law Earl (June) Norton cleaning offices. Her final post was at Columbus Public Health, where she retired after 25 Years of Service. She retired from Nationwide a few years prior with 20 Years of Service. She was also a long-time Avon consultant. We never understood how she could work so many hours in the day, take care of her children, and not be weary, or at least not let us see it. She did it all for US. Never would you hear her complaining. She did it with grace and oh so much style! She opened her home to many and provided them with a place to stay, good food to eat, and encouragement. She loved cooking and her homemade pizza was a Saturday favorite, and that spicy dressing, oh my! On weekends she would cook a week's worth of meals for her family, prepare her outfits and do ironing for the entire week. You could often find her sitting at the kitchen table on the weekend painting her nails with perfection. She loved movie nights with her family. She always had that listening ear, that shoulder to cry on and that golden wisdom that only comes from experience to share with you. One of her lasting and greatest legacies was that she named most of her grand and great-grandchildren uniquely! SHE LOVED HER FAMILY, and her love was unwavering and equal. Our Queen, our Buttercup, our LOVE. Her smile, laugh and some of her famous expressions will be sorely missed.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her beautiful daughter; Deborah Elaine Norton-Mason (Douglas) (Columbus, OH), her brothers; Albert and Leon Malone (Athens, AL), and her sisters; Rosa Lee Cain, Evella Clark, and Mable Hathecock (Terre Haute, IN), and her great-granddaughter; Shawn Madison Drake (Columbus, OH) as well as other loved ones.

Mary leaves precious memories to her children; Edward D. Jr., Steven (Pamela), Geoffrey Norton, and Tamara Norton-Fair (Michael) all of Columbus, OH. grandchildren; Yolanda Joe, Hope (Roscoe) Patterson, Edward Mixon (Ft.Wayne,IN), Seniqua Berger (Charlotte, NC), Noshia Norton, Nikki Mixon (Ft.Wayne,IN), Stephanie Norton (Ermas Thomas), Chaz Norton-Mason, Cristal Hatten, Tiarra Bing, Savannah Hatten, Raven Hatten, Elijah Fair, Martina Fair, and Noah Fair. 17 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; sister; Dorothy Malone (Chicago, IL), special nieces; Annie Duvall (Atlanta, GA) and Dean Rutledge (Terre Haute, IN), special children; Terri Parks, Troy Troutman, Steven Carr, Yvette Whitaker, Lesleigh Robinson, and Lisa Hatten, her precious fur babies; Blue and Beige and a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

Order of Service

Chairman	Ronald Chapman
Opening Song	"See Yourself When All Is New"
Opening Prayer	David Nickel
Reading of the Obituary	Earnest Boyd
Memorial Talk	Ronald Chapman
Chairman	Expressions of Thanks
Closing Song	"He Will Call"
Closing Prayer	Minquel Ingram

*And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.
Revelations 21:4 NWT*

Honorary Pallbearers

Edward Norton, Jr.	Steven Norton	Geoffrey Norton
Chaz Norton-Mason	Elijah Fair	Noah Fair
Michael Fair	Troy Troutman	Steven Carr
Roscoe Patterson	Ermas Thomas	KaMonte Hackworth
Geoffrey Patterson	Corey Joe	

Flower bearers

Sky Patterson	Monet Hackworth	Nadia Mason
Shawnae Drake	Samre'Lyn Thomas	