



Theresa Hope Morand

August 11, 1923 - November 23, 2024

Theresa Hope Reynolds – Morand

LIFE LONG NEW BRUNSWICK RESIDENT, 101

Departed this life 11-23-24. She was born August 11, 1923, in New Brunswick NJ. Theresa was born to Eva and Howard Reynolds.

Theresa attended Nathan Hale elementary on Commercial Ave in New Brunswick and graduated from New Brunswick High School in 1943

Theresa grew up with her siblings, oldest Brother Howard Jr., older sisters Edith & Doris and her younger brother Calvert

As a youngster Theresa enjoyed softball, basketball and swimming. In 1945 Theresa won 1st place in a beauty pageant and also won the swimsuit competition at the Elks Lodge on Baldwin St in New Brunswick. She kept her girlish figure her entire life.

Theresa's first marriage to Leroy Burnstein (of Beaumont Texas) in 1947 produced two children. A son Karl Burnstein (former educator & football coach at New Brunswick HS) and a daughter Sheila Burnstein. Leroy Burnstein predeceased Theresa in 1958.

The Lord saw fit that Theresa married Lester Morand September 23, 1967. Lester and Theresa had an everlasting love. Lester, her knight in shining armor, made her feel like a princess.

Theresa became a member of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens July 4, 1976. She sang in the Voices of Praise choir and participated in Senior Citizen Tuesdays

Theresa's various employment included Calco Chemical in Bound Brook, Bond's Clothing in New Brunswick & Carter Wallace in Cranbury New Jersey. Theresa retired from Carter Wallace in 1987. After retirement she chose to work at Lane Bryant as a salesperson in Woodbridge Mall in her spare time until they closed.

Theresa is loved by and she loves her New Brunswick community.

Theresa was predeceased by her parents Eva and Howard Reynolds, her brother Howard, Jr., her brother Calvert C. Reynolds, Sister Edith Reynolds-Cook, Sister Doris Reynolds-Burrell and son Karl Burnstein

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband Lester Morand (New Brunswick), Daughter Sheila Burnstein (Warren, NJ), Daughter Michelle Morand, 7 grandchildren Tanisha Burnstein (Texas), Cory Ashford (New Brunswick), Deann, Myra, George Berry (New Brunswick), Eric Ways (New York City) and Arbery Ways (Indiana), 4 great grandchildren Ramon Stephenson (Houston Texas), Morrell Vyair Morand (New Brunswick), Marcellys Tremain Morand (New Brunswick) and Nevach Morand of (New Brunswick) a huge host of nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces, great nephews, great great nieces, great great nephews, church family, friends and neighborhood

Celebration of life service Friday December 20th 10am – 12noon at First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens 771 Somerset St, Somerset NJ 08873
Family, Friends and community are invited to attend. Following service, Inurnment at Franklin Memorial Park 1800 State Route 27 North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Previous Events

Calling Hour

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens
771 Somerset St
Somerset, NJ 08873
(732) 828-2009

Celebration Of Life Gathering

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ Dawn and I would like to offer our deepest condolences Uncle Lester. Aunt Theresa was a beautiful, warm and pleasant individual that had a disarming smile and a welcoming embrace. She will forever be in our hearts.



Richard Bennett - December 24, 2024 at 07:39 PM

NL

“ My condolences to uncle Lester and family. Aunt Theresa opened her home to my siblings and I during the summer holidays when we were younger. We had a grand time staying with her and our uncle. She was always gracious, kind and loving. It was a blessing to share her 100th birthday with her. Always the fashionista! I will miss your beautiful smile and hearing that voice. May you rest in peace.



Nadine Lewis.

Nadine Lewis - December 20, 2024 at 07:55 AM

CB

“ Carolyn Bradley Indianapolis Indiana

To Uncle Lester and Morand family, I'm so very sorry for the loss of your Precious Loved One. I think I met Theresa in the late 1960's when I was visiting my Aunt Zola in New Jersey. I'm the first cousin of Michelle Morand I've only heard great things about her. May she continue R.I.P. to God be the Glory.

Carolyn Bradley - December 17, 2024 at 05:11 PM

SH

“ Aunt Theresa was a beautiful, kind, caring and loving person who will be missed dearly by all. Condolences and prayers of comfort to uncle Lester, her daughters, grandchildren, extended family and friends. May her soul Rest in Peace and Rise in Eternal Glory 🙏❤️

Sharon - December 17, 2024 at 03:24 AM

MB

“ Today we celebrate and give thanks for the life of Aunt Theresa, but we are grateful for this phenomenal woman, whose spirit of gentleness, care and compassion we were blessed to experience.

As a wife and partner to Lester, she was loving, joyous in her marriage of over 65 years, she was never one to be angry and took things in her stride. Aunt Theresa enjoyed life and would say in a loving way, I don't know what he is doing. I am not sure that she cooks, as her prince charming always prepared her meals.

She allowed him to cook, and never objected to any of his dishes, she loved his Jamaican food, though she would say Lester it is spicy, she'd often say not to hurt her beloved.

On one of her visits to Jamaica, my late helper pampered Aunt Theresa with our dishes, and she had a good laugh when she told Lester that she was learning to prepare the meals, he rolled his eyes.

She however told us that she doesn't want another Ripe banana if it wasn't the Gros Michel, that was so sweet and delicious: that came from the hills in Trinity Ville in St Thomas, Jamaica.

She also loved our mangoes, naseberry and plumbs.

She was a very special woman who shared her life with her soul mate, he was a good husband, friend, and one who made certain she was taken care of. Today his heart goes with her and I am sure as he reflects on their life together, he will remember the beautiful flowers he grew for her in his garden which included: the most lovely cabbage, tomatoes, pepper and thyme.

Aunt Theresa was a lover of fashion and I remember when I visited and told her we were going shopping, she was excited. She was always fashionably dressed. She aged gracefully.

She loved her children, family and always spoke lovingly of them and always took the time to connect.

So as we give thanks for a life well lived, we thank God that she had a wonderful life, she loved her God and went faithfully to her Baptist Church when she was able.

A century is a great inning plus 1, I believe God blessed this special woman with long life. I look forward to seeing her in the great beyond.

May her soul rest in peace.

Marcia Bennett - December 16, 2024 at 11:40 AM

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Aunt Theresa was a lover of nice clothing and I remember when I visited and told her we were going shopping, she loved that, she dresses well and always was quite fashionable. Age no timeless was our dear Theresa.

The times I saw her sad was at the passing of her late son Karl, this was very difficult for her but she bore her grief with dignity.

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Marcia M Bennett - December 16, 2024 at 11:02 AM

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“ *Rest in Peace to Aunt Theresa 🙏 I am so grateful to have known Aunt Theresa, to call her family, and to have experienced her joyful demeanor and warm personality. Uncle Lester and Aunt Theresa opened their home to me on a few meaningful occasions while I was away from home and in college at Douglass College (Rutgers Univ) 20+ years ago. I visited their home and was treated to Sunday dinner, or watched some football, or just some family time. It was only my pleasure to resume visitation when I joined faculty at Rutgers and returned to the area in 2022. I'm grateful for the time I was able to spend time with Aunt Theresa. Aunt Theresa, you will be greatly missed. All my love, Sharifa.*

Sharifa - December 14, 2024 at 05:20 PM

MA

“ Sincere condolences to Uncle Lester and the immediate family of Aunt Theresa.

I join the family in celebrating the life of Aunt Theresa, a beautiful, loving, gentle and gracious lady. I adopted Uncle Lester and Aunt Theresa (the brother and sister in law of my late brother in law William Bennett), decades ago. I became closer to Lester and Theresa when my daughter began undergraduate studies at Rutgers University between 2001-2004. Sharifa often visited and would share her happy experiences with me.

I got to spend time with them in more recent years. I was impressed by the camaraderie, the understanding, the care and the love that Aunt Theresa and Uncle Lester shared. I admired Aunt Theresa: she never behaved like an elderly person- belying her 101 years; conversations with her were interesting; Aunt Theresa was patient and happy; she had a beautiful smile which lit up her face; she was always chic and attractive with fashionable hairstyles and well manicured nails.

I will miss Aunt Theresa but I thank God for her life and how He blessed her. I continue to pray for us to find peace and comfort - as God promises in Matthew 5 that those who mourn will be comforted. May Theresa rest in peace and I look forward to our reunion in Heaven. May God continue to bless us all.

Mary Allen Smith

Mary - December 10, 2024 at 11:30 PM

MB

“ Michele R. Bradley lit a candle in memory of Theresa Hope Morand



Michele R. Bradley - December 10, 2024 at 12:51 AM

CB

“ *Carolyn Bradley lit a candle in memory of
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Carolyn Bradley - December 09, 2024 at 05:14 PM

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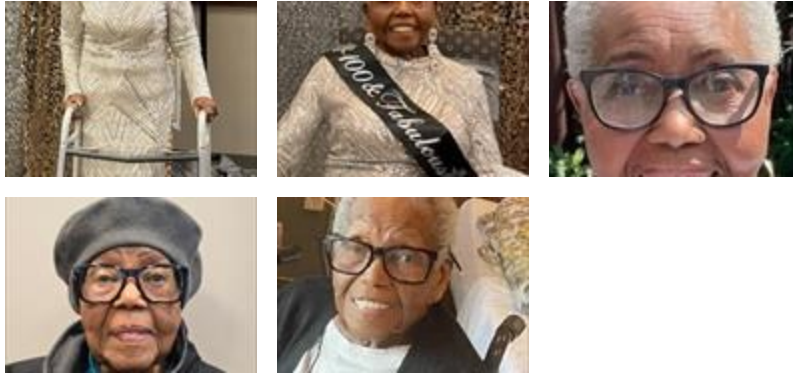
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Marcia M Bennett - December 11, 2024 at 03:43 PM

JA

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Janet - December 09, 2024 at 02:47 PM

UN

“ Unknown lit a candle in memory of Theresa Hope Morand



unknown - December 05, 2024 at 07:06 PM

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Carolyn Bradley - December 09, 2024 at 04:27 PM