



## Mrs. Theresa Y. Givens

July 24, 1955 - August 28, 2021

Johnson & Jenkins observes cdc regulations for COVID-19 pandemic

To view the livestream service : <https://youtu.be/yJCsnu9qdKo>

Theresa Yvonne Givens, 66 of Glenn Dale, MD passed away peacefully in the afternoon of August 28th, 2021 at the Casey House in Rockville, MD after a valiant battle against colon cancer. She was surrounded by family.

Theresa was born on July 24, 1955 to the late Margaret V. Corbin and George R. Corbin in Washington, DC. She was the youngest of 6 children. She is preceded in death by her sister Debra R. Corbin. Theresa attended Calvin Coolidge Senior High School located in Washington, D.C. Upon graduation, she began working for the federal government at the Health Education and Welfare Department where she began her career in human resources. She then transferred to the General Services Administration (GSA) where she furthered her skills in Human Resources. She later attended the University of Maryland, receiving her degree in Human Resource Management. After nearly 35 years at GSA, she took her talents and skills to the Department of Homeland Security, where she worked as a Senior Human Resources Analyst, earning many awards and accolades. She relished in her career in HR as she enjoyed working to help and develop others. Upon retiring from the federal government after 42 years of service, she continued her love of helping others by working the election polls and encouraging the youth to vote

through voter registration.

Theresa grew up in a loving Christian home that centered around family, faith and a strong work ethic. She and her 5 siblings were very close and often took family trips to the beach and to visit family in Amelia County, VA. Her love of cooking started at an early age when her mother and father cooked elaborate dinners and would often host gatherings for friends and family at their home. She later would carry on that tradition and host family gatherings at her own home. She was known for making her famous macaroni and cheese also potato salad which everyone loved.

Theresa married James L. Brunson, Jr (deceased) and welcomed two children Karmala and Andre. Her children meant the world to her. She instilled a strong work ethic and love of family in them. Loved by her family and friends alike, she had a heart of gold and loved to laugh. Her laugh was contagious and her sense of humor was unparalleled. She was a friend and confidant to many and was open and honest with her opinion.

Theresa later married Sheldon Givens and they enjoyed trips to the casino and dining out with friends. She was very close to her granddaughters Briana, Riley and Rana and would shower them with love and affection while always teaching them the importance of family. When her husband and mother became ill, she devoted her time to assisting them and would ensure they were well cared for. She rededicated her life to Christ and became a member of Seaton Memorial A.M.E. Church in Lanham, MD

Theresa demonstrated remarkable strength and determination and wanted to use her illness to help others in their fight against colon cancer by sharing her experience on the Colorectal Cancer Alliance blog site. She became an advocate for others and encouraged them to get screened.

Theresa leaves to cherish her memory and carry on her legacy: her husband Sheldon Givens, daughter Karmala Brunson, son Andre Brunson (Dana), granddaughters Briana Allen and Riley and Rana Brunson, two brothers Tyrone Anderson (Teresa) and Oliver Corbin (Carolyn) and two sisters Veronica Ivey and Jacqueline Chandler, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Rd  
Brentwood, MD 20722  
(301) 864-5090

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary's Missionary Baptist Church  
2811 14th St NE  
Washington, DC 20017

## Funeral service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mary's Missionary Baptist Church  
2811 14th St NE  
Washington, DC 20017

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Johnson A. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Theresa Y. Givens.



Johnson A. - September 24, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ Caring Condolences Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Theresa Y. Givens.



September 06, 2021 at 01:00 PM

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“ Gloria and Charles Wilson, Bowie, Md purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Theresa Y. Givens.



Gloria and Charles Wilson, Bowie, Md - September 06, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Theresa Y. Givens.



September 03, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Theresa Y. Givens.



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September 03, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Theresa Y. Givens.



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September 03, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Younger Wong Sr.* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Theresa Y. Givens.



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**Younger Wong Sr.** - September 02, 2021 at 05:35 PM