



## Joyce Underhill Rodgers

July 26, 1938 - September 3, 2024

Our beloved Joyce Underhill Rodgers was born July 26, 1938, the third child born to the union of Evangelist Lillie Bell Underhill and Rev. Theodore Underhill in Farmville, NC. Being reared in a Christian home, Joyce professed her faith in Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized. She developed a strong faith in God and would tell anyone she met that she was “a praying woman.”

Joyce graduated from H.B. Suggs High School in North Carolina. After graduation, she moved to Norwalk, CT. She became a cosmetologist who made women beautiful for over 65 years. She had her own beauty salon in South Norwalk for many years. We all know that she believed in styling and profiling. She loved to look good and make others do the same. She was not selfish with her gifts. In later years, she continued her legacy of beauty at New Image Salon, also in South Norwalk.

Joyce was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She served in various capacities in the church; Sunday School, Missionary Society and by singing in the United Voices of Calvary and the Gospel Chorus. Joyce was also part of a committee that was instrumental in helping to purchase the church van. She loved her church family and served until her health failed. She also served her family and friends by sharing her gifts of love through cooking biscuits, (especially the ones with cheese) and any other southern cuisine that you

wanted. She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She was also the knowledgeable family historian. Joyce was known for her vivid storytelling. Her genuine spirit as well as her zest for life made her a welcome addition to any group or conversation.

After visiting with family, singing songs, and praising God, our beloved Joyce Rodgers quietly departed this life and transitioned to the presence of God on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. She gracefully transitioned holding to her faith and her integrity. She lived a life of love, beauty, and faith in God. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

In addition to her parents, her daughter, Phyllis Lorraine Rodgers, six sisters; Geraldine Tucker, Delores Boone, Ruth Mitchell, Blondie Underhill, Melba Vines, and Barbara Walker; three brothers; Theodore McArthur, Lewis Bryant and Theodore Underhill Jr. preceded Joyce in death. Joyce leaves to cherish the memories of her life, one brother Rev. Ivory Underhill of Rocky Mount, NC and one sister, Janice Faye Pope (George) of District Heights, MD, two sisters-in-law Delores Underhill and Laverne Underhill, one brother-in-law Frank Vines, her special daughter Marche Davis, loving niece Rewa Mercer and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She also leaves a host of friends and church family that she has known through the years. A special thanks to an extraordinary group of women that personally assisted and loved her to the end.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024 from 10:00AM - 11:00AM followed by a service of celebration at 11:00AM at Calvary Baptist Church, 21 Concord Street, Norwalk, CT.

Interment will follow at Norwalk Union Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Norwalk Union Cemetery

Norwalk, CT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Baptist Church  
21 Concord St  
Norwalk, CT

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

EH

“ *looking Good Is Understood!  
One of the best hairstylists ever made.  
May she red in peace 🙌 .*

Ebonie Hanton - January 22 at 10:47 AM

PA

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family of Joyce Rodgers.  
May her memories be a source of comfort for you all. Such a  
beautiful soul, she will truly be missed. Gone but never forgotten.  
Rest in Peace.*

Paula Alexander - September 10, 2024 at 08:19 PM

JR

“ *Our prayers and condolences are with you, family! Take your rest,  
Joyce. Forever in our hearts.*

Jackie Bynum Rollins - September 09, 2024 at 08:00 PM

LC

“ *Sending sincere condolences and prayers to the family. Growing up  
Joyce and I were neighbors, she and my sister were class mates.  
Rest N Peace Joyce! Rest N Peace!!!. The Willoughby Family,  
Farmville, N C*

Lois Willoughby Corbett - September 08, 2024 at 11:12 PM

VC

“ *My family and I are deeply saddened by your loss. May her loving  
MASTER be the source of your peace and strength. You will be  
continually in our thoughts and prayers.*

Virginia Dildy & Family Norwalk, CT - September 08, 2024 at 04:53 PM

MN

“GOD has called another earthly angel home, and she will be sorely missed. However, sweet memories will help to fill the void that her departure has left. Much love to the family.

Margaret and Johnnie Ray Newton - September 08, 2024 at 04:47 PM

LN

“Lorna Nelson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Underhill Rodgers



Lorna Nelson - September 07, 2024 at 09:02 PM

LN

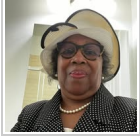
My Sincere Condolences to the family she will be missed gone but never forgotten RIHP 🙏🕊️🌹❤️

Lorna Nelson - September 07, 2024 at 09:07 PM

AC

“Please know that the family is in our thoughts and prayers as sweet memories of Joyce resonate in our hearts. Her touch of beautiful brought a smile to the face of many over a span of six decades. GOD gifted her with a special gift that she shared with so many others. Rest in peace dear friend. Gone but never forgotten.

Alice Faye Langley Norwalk, CT - September 07, 2024 at 07:56 PM



“ We are very sad for Sister Roger’s, a very special person, she will be missed. 🙏 for the family. Love and prayers, Deacon and Deaconess KD Bullock 🙏



Betty Langley - September 07, 2024 at 06:03 PM



“ Sending condolences and prayers to the family of Joyce Roger’s family. She was a beautiful woman inside and out, she will be missed. Yours in Christ Rev. Curtis and Betty Langley of North Carolina



Betty Langley - September 06, 2024 at 05:54 PM

BA

We the class of 68 are sending our condolences to you Ivory for the loss of your sister. We are praying for you Bessie Eason Anderson and classmates

Bernice Eason Anderson - September 09, 2024 at 09:54 PM

BA

Class of 1968 G.W.CARVER Pinetops NC are sending prayers up for Ivory and family

Bernice Eason Anderson - September 09, 2024 at 09:58 PM