



## Ms. Thelma Lindsey Hepburn

December 1, 1957 - August 20, 2024

Thelma Lindsey Hepburn entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. Thelma was born on December 1, 1957 in Bennettsville, South Carolina to the late Guster Bell Hepburn who moved her family to North Carolina to seek a better life.

Thelma is the oldest of seven children and was respectfully thought of as “momma”. She was a faithful member of New Genesis Fresh Start Ministries where she served on the Kitchen Ministry and waited on anyone who desired her assistance. Thelma was the Vice President of the Usher Board and greeted everyone with her beautiful, full of joy smile. When you left her presence, she would always say “I love you”. She loved her pastor dearly, and would tell everyone that Dr. Calvin L. Brewington, Sr., was “her pastor”. She was a true woman of God, and her loving spirit was infectious.

Thelma worked for Glad Haven Nursing Home, Fayetteville, North Carolina in the Environmental Services Department for 29 years prior to joining the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center Environmental Services team. After 17 years of service, she retired from Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. During her tenure at Cape Fear Valley, she was awarded the certificate of IMPACT for her outstanding performance and dedication. She was also featured in the Fayetteville Observer for her hard work, dedication, and positive attitude.

Thelma attended Cumberland County Schools. She enjoyed listening to her audio bible, sitting and relaxing on her porch, and most of all, spending time with her family, both near and far.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Gus Hepburn.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her son, Ronald B. Hepburn of Fayetteville, North Carolina; her sisters, Evette Hepburn of Bennettsville, South Carolina, Elaine Hatfield, Stephanie Speaks, and Tyra Rhodes all Of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Caroline Hepburn of Charlotte, North Carolina; Tawanna Jennings (Mathes) of Killeen, Texas; Yolanda Locklear (Dion) of Chicago, Illinois. Her brothers, Michael Hepburn (Cynthia) and Harrison Baldwin of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Kenneth Hepburn (Rita) of Elizabethtown, North Carolina. One aunt, Mary Brown; special friends, Barbara and Rodney Dolson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28311

## Funeral

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
2010 Murchison Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28311

## Burial

AUG **26** (ET)

Rockfish Memorial Park  
4017 Gillespie Street  
Fayetteville, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Thelma Lindsey Hepburn



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - August 23, 2024 at 03:18 PM

TP

🥹🥹🥹 Oh my God. As soon as the music started I started balling. My heart is so full. Thank yall for including me in the video. When I got home from dropping Tawanna at the airport, there was actually a butterfly sitting on my door. The butterfly in the video took me out. Thelma was always so giving and genuinely loved you. She treated me like family from day 1. She'd say "Hey Pretty Girl!" without fail every time. I'm thankful for the opportunity to know and love her. What a beautiful tribute to her life, character and love.

Tamika Payne - August 24, 2024 at 09:50 AM

MM

You will be missed dearly; Ms. Thelma! 🙏

Ms. McKoy - August 26, 2024 at 03:52 AM

WH

I met Ms Thelma when I started in the ED at CFV in 2010! She's one of the kindest people I've ever met. Always smiling and so cheerful! I can hear her now saying " Hey Ms Wanda, I'm getting ready to retire". It seems like yesterday. I will always remember her smile and cheerful attitude! RIP Ms Thelma! Your smile brightened up my day. 🙏🙏

Wanda Harper - August 28, 2024 at 05:15 PM

KM

*I had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Thelma when I worked at Cape Fear Valley Hospital. She always had a smile and was one of the kindest people I have ever met. I know she will be missed... Prayers of comfort for her family and friends...*

**Kelly Meyer** - August 29, 2024 at 09:24 PM

WH

*“ Ms Thelma was by far, the nicest person I have ever met. Her smile and friendly greeting (Hey Ms Wanda) will never be forgotten. I met her in 2010 in the ED at CFV. It seems like it was just yesterday that she said, "Ms Wanda, I'm getting ready to retire". RIP sweet lady, your smile is unmatched! I will never forget it!*

**Wanda Harper** - August 29, 2024 at 05:21 PM

TH

*“ Thelma had a spirit, a smile, hugs, love, and joy that was so contagious. I can picture her in the corner at church waving her hands or nodding her head. I can hear her during fellowship saying "Tiffany, how you doin?" Her hugs brought so much comfort, and you can feel the love. I'm going to miss seeing that smile, her arms waving, her voice, just everything about her. I love you Thelma. Until we meet again.*

**Tiffany Hoffman** - August 25, 2024 at 06:31 PM

LG

*“ Lula Gainey lit a candle in memory of Thelma Hepburn*



**Lula Gainey** - August 24, 2024 at 02:06 PM

AM

“ I had the pleasure to work with Ms Thelma at CFV Hospital. She always came in with a smile on her face. Willing to help out before her shift started. I moved to Virginia Ms Thelma would call me several times a month to check on me and we will have good conversations about life and family. She was so loved and will be truly missed. My heart is so broken😞.Rest in Pradise my co worker/friend.Prayers to the family 🙏



Angela Murphy - August 24, 2024 at 10:54 AM

BJ

THELMA AND I WORKED TOGETHER AT AT CAPE FEAR.SHE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE AND A HUG EVERY MORNING WHEN I CAME IN AND SHE WAS LEAVING FROM NIGHT SHIFT.I TRULY LOVED HER SO MUCH. RIH MY DEAR FRIEND ❤️

Brenda Johnson - August 29, 2024 at 11:40 AM

TM

“ The Hackstalls & The Mackeys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Thelma Lindsey Hepburn.

The Hackstalls & The Mackeys - August 23, 2024 at 09:30 PM

TM

“ The Hackstalls & The Mackeys purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ms. Thelma Lindsey Hepburn.



The Hackstalls & The Mackeys - August 23, 2024 at 09:30 PM

TH

“ If you never had an opportunity to meet Thelma - I'm sorry, you missed out. The unwavering faith Thelma displayed on a daily basis will not be forgotten and she's such an inspiration to the members of New Genesis Fresh Start Ministries. Every service, program, celebration, recognition function the church had, Thelma was there. She never greeted anyone without a full smile on her face. She was quick to say "HER" church and "HER" Pastor, but I'm gonna miss her saying "my Traci" when she hugged me and then she'd say "I love me some Traci". You could always feel the genuine love from her when she touched you. I hate that you aren't still on this side with us but you're where we're all trying to get to. Attending church services without your presence is going to take a toll on me, because I look out in the congregation to see you clapping and dancing just as happy as you'd want to be. This is a very difficult pain, that I know I will get through with our Heavenly Father to guide me. Thelma, I love you and miss you tremendously. Your absence will be noticeable and hard to adjust to. I know that I will see you in Heaven and when I do, you better be clapping and dancing cause that's my plan.

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**Traci Richmond Hughes** - August 23, 2024 at 02:42 PM

LG

“ To the Hepburn family Thelma was the best person anyone could every meet her smile would meet you with a big hello her arms with a big hug she the best kind of friend that never meet a stranger I will mis you Miss Thelma

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**Lisa Gibson** - August 23, 2024 at 02:02 PM

KO

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Hepburn family,  
Keeping you'll in my prayers. 🕊️🕊️*



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**Keshia Owens** - August 23, 2024 at 12:02 AM

TD

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to your  
family Ms. Thelma. It was a joy & pleasure  
meeting & working with you at the hospital.  
So glad I was able to hug you when I saw you  
over the weekend. GOD BLESS YOU ALL*



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**Terre Daniel** - August 22, 2024 at 11:08 PM