



## Norma Cornelia Hairston

January 4, 1928 - November 6, 2020

Norma Cornelia Hairston was born January 4, 1928 in Union Springs, AL to Oliver and Lizzette Hardley. She was the fifth child of 14 siblings, 7 boys and 7 girls. The following siblings preceded her: Willie, Henry, Jim, Mattie Mae, Robert Lee, Milton and Tom Hardley, Thelma Babers and Johnnie Mae Duck.

Norma, or “Little Sister”, as she was affectionately known, accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in a creek in Thompson, AL by Reverend Temple of Second Baptist Church in Union Springs, AL. Norma was a major part of the choir and appeared as a guest singer at several churches between Union Springs and Thompson.

At a young age, Norma married Bennie Jackson III. Out of that union, they were blessed with a son, Bennie IV, who predeceased her. They relocated to Detroit, MI for job opportunities. After divorcing, she met a handsome bus driver whose bus she rode daily. Norma would later marry Maceo Hairston, a widower raising his young daughter. Denise would become the daughter she always wanted.

Norma completed the Licensed Practical Nurse Program at Grace Hospital. She worked in the Operating Room for a bit but did not like being on her feet all of the day. She then ventured out in Private Duty and did that for over fifty years. She attended to and cared for many patients in their homes and in the

hospital, always getting more referrals and recommendations than she could handle. She was committed and full of pride with each case. She loved nursing and taking care of people. She worked until she was eighty years old (after having retired twice).

Norma, along with husband Maceo and daughter Denise, was an active member of Vernon Chapel A. M. E. Church in Northeast Detroit. She was a member of the Altar Guild.

It was not uncommon for anyone who stopped by her home to be fed. There were always loads of sweet potato pies and cakes waiting to be pulled out of the freezer. She enjoyed socials and entertaining. Norma was also a giver and was always known to help those in need or underprivileged. She was a foster parent and was always bringing someone home for refuge, even into her eighties.

One of her greatest achievements was her Entrepreneurship. She acquired eleven houses at one time, renting them to single mothers, Vets and families in need. She was quite the businesswoman over this period.

On November 6, 2020, she received her wings and departed this life.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

NOV 17. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Norma Cornelia Hairston*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - November 17, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ *Norma Cornelia Hairston*

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September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Norma Cornelia Hairston*

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September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM

JH

“ Grandma, I will hold your laugh and smile in my heart. I thank you for our conversations. I loved our conversations. Your insight and wisdom.

Thank you for welcoming me into the family. I loved those holidays and weekends when all of the boys would gather at your house and play basketball, watch movies, and eat all that wonderful food you cooked. The cakes! The ham! You had a gift in the kitchen! Thank you for those memories.

I will never forget Chica and Chica part 2 lol. You loved those dogs so much. All the churches chicken they ate! I remember calling and asking if you needed anything and you would say pick you up some churches. I couldn't believe that was for Chica.

Thank you for helping me and Indy get on our feet when we got pregnant. You helped us get started on our journey and I make sure your great-great grands know that.

Love you forever.

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**James Hill-Harris** - November 17, 2020 at 01:03 PM

 Evelyn  
Mann-  
Carter

“ Mother whom I referred to from the time I met you until your transition. Being married to your son, Bennie, was indeed a blessing because from that union ,your first grandchild, Syri Anika was born. I shall never forget our memories, things we did together, things you taught me, and the love you showed me. I am going to miss you so much But I know that we will be reunited in heaven. I love you Mother. To Denise hold on and enjoy precious memories. My prayers are with you and all family memories.

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**Evelyn Mann-Carter** - November 17, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *Mara, Nikki, & Gma Norma* ❤️



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**DaMara Conyers** - November 17, 2020 at 11:14 AM



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**Denise Walls** - November 17, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ *You watching Morgan play in your hat... 😊 I wish I would have gotten you in it. 😞*



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**DaMara Conyers** - November 17, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ *We love you Aunt Norma!! Bullock County summers were something special when you came home! ❤️*

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**Yolanda Hardley** - November 17, 2020 at 04:14 AM

KB

“ It's a blessing to have spent so much time with Aunt Norma Lee when she came down to Florida to see my grandma. Each time she spoiled me with so much love. Our day at Daytona Beach will forever be with me💜



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**Kimberly Babers** - November 16, 2020 at 10:07 PM

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**Denise Walls** - November 16, 2020 at 09:53 AM

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**Denise Walls** - November 16, 2020 at 09:48 AM

MF

“ I will FOREVER miss my Aunt. And I pray for healing for my cousin Denise as well as our entire family.

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**Michael Foster** - November 15, 2020 at 03:36 PM

FB

“ *From Kathy- Ann Swan , Bermuda purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Norma Cornelia Hairston.*



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**From Kathy- Ann Swan , Bermuda** - November 15, 2020 at 03:24 PM

KS

“ *To Denise, Craig and family, My deepest condolences . May your Mom's memories sustain you during this difficult time. Denise, you have been one amazing daughter*

*Love Kathy- Ann Swan (Blue Brigade, Bermuda)*

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**Kathy- Ann Swan** - November 15, 2020 at 03:16 PM