



## Robyn Underdue

February 21, 1967 - December 23, 2016

A limb has fallen from the family tree that says, "Grieve not for me, remember the best times, the laughter, the song, the life I lived while I was strong."

Robyn T. Underdue, daughter of Geraldine Lacy Townes and the late Richard P. Townes, was born on February 21, 1967 in Queens, New York. She was the sixth of seven children. She departed this earthly life on Friday December 23, 2016 at home.

Robyn received her education through New York City Public School System, graduating from John Adams High School in June 1985. She continued her education at Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, North Carolina and received her B.A. in Sociology/Social Work Curriculum in May 1989. To keep abreast of the many guidelines and requirements to better serve her clients, Robyn attended numerous workshops and training seminars.

At the time of her death, Robyn was a Senior Child Protective Services Worker for the Newport News Department of Human Services. Robyn loved people; she reached beyond her family line to help others. She spent many hours above and beyond her call of duty doing what she could to help someone else. She was a dedicated and untiring worker for twenty-six years in the Human Services field. Robyn received many awards and certifications for her dedicated service throughout Hampton Roads. She was a member of the Hampton Roads Child Fatality Review Team. She worked alongside with Navy Family Advocacy, Department of Social Services Regional Consultant, Child Advocacy Center Multi-Disciplinary Team, attorneys, detectives, and

various state organizations.

Robyn had a passion for creativity in artwork and traveling the country with her family trying new foods and creating memories and experiences with her family and friends.

Robyn was preceded in death by her father, Richard P. Townes and brother, Richard Townes.

She leaves to forever cherish the loving memories of her life- her husband, Joe B. Underdue, III; son, Julian Desmond Underdue; daughter; Janell Cinnamon Underdue, of the home; mother, Geraldine L. Townes of Suffolk, VA; sisters, Linda T. Davis and Gwendolyn J. Townes of Elizabeth City, NC; Eva Y. Townes of Brooklyn, NY; Benita R. Townes of New York, NY; one brother, Timothy Townes of Virginia Beach, VA; one uncle, Horace W. Lacy of Havelock, NC; her father and mother in-law, Joe and Clara Underdue of Roanoke Rapids, NC; brother in-law, Tyrone A. Underdue of New York, NY, a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, other relatives and many friends and acquaintances.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
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### Service

DEC 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Robyn Underdue*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - December 29, 2016 at 01:27 PM



*A beautiful tribute to a beautiful soul. Rest In Heavenly Peace Robyn. Continued Prayers for Joe, Janell, Julian, family & friends. Viking Fam LBJ*

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**Lorie Burrell-Jones** - December 30, 2016 at 06:00 AM

CM

*Great tribute!! It really captured the beauty of Robyn inside and out!!! Praying God gives the family strength to make through this difficult time!! Many Many Blessings!! Much Love Cecelia!!*

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**CECELIA A MIDGETTE** - December 31, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robyn Underdue.*



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January 06, 2017 at 09:37 AM

KM

“ I was deeply saddened to hear the news of Robyn’s passing. Joe, I extend my heartfelt condolences for the loss of your wife. May God bless you and your family during this difficult time.

*Keisha Matthews -Thomas Nelson*

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**Keisha Matthews** - January 06, 2017 at 08:58 AM

BE

“ It has been years since we spoke. Both Robyn and Joe are still in my heart. Finding out about Robyn's passing hurts so much with thinking of my friend gone and my buddy Joe hurting. All I did was think of the many times we hung out at ECSU, running all over the place. Hitting the road to MD, Philly or NC. I will always love your both.

*Allison J. Zimmerman (Bebop)*

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**Bebop** - January 06, 2017 at 08:32 AM

CC

“ Candace Corrente sent a virtual gift in memory of Robyn Underdue



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**Candace Corrente** - December 30, 2016 at 11:24 AM

VR

“ Vanessa Roberts lit a candle in memory of Robyn Underdue



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**Vanessa Roberts** - December 30, 2016 at 10:54 AM

Lorie  
Burrell-  
Jones

“ Deeply sadden & shocked when I saw Joe's post of Robyn's passing. We shared a many of laughs back during our ECSU & always asking Joe where's Robyn at Alumni events & spoke to her a few months back.

Remembering when I met Robyn as I worked w/ Joe in ECSU Admissions office for our work study & to see their friendship, love & partnership so strong til this day is such a blessing & proof of the term Soulmates. Continued Prayers for Joe, the kids, family & friends. Viking Love LBJ



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Lorie Burrell-Jones - December 30, 2016 at 06:11 AM

AW

“ Arnita Woods lit a candle in memory of Robyn Underdue



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Arnita Woods - December 29, 2016 at 10:18 PM

EP

“ Edna prince purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Robyn Underdue.



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Edna prince - December 29, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robyn Underdue.



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December 29, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - December 29, 2016 at 11:03 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Robyn's passing. We had worked together for several years, and it was always so good to see her. I will miss her terribly. May God bless your family during this difficult time; I'll be keeping you in prayer.

*Michelle Clayton*

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**Michelle Clayton** - December 29, 2016 at 09:52 AM

LY

“ *Lynetta lit a candle in memory of Robyn Underdue*



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**Lynetta** - December 28, 2016 at 04:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robyn Underdue.*



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December 28, 2016 at 11:10 AM

BK

“ *I was the flower girl in their wedding. Joe was my moms student worker at Elizabeth City State University. Robyn was so beautiful and caring.*

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**Brandye Kellogg** - December 27, 2016 at 07:56 PM

BC

“ So hard to believe that my dear friend is gone, to imagine Joe without Robyn. It is always hard to lose a peer. At our age we expect to be around for many more years. This is the 3rd friend I have lost from ECSU and all 3 I had not seen in a very long time. Tomorrow is not promised. Though I had not seen Robyn in years just knowing that I cannot see her now really hurts. That beautiful smile, the laughter we shared, the times we sat up late, waiting outside for Joe to come visit! I still have and wear the red sweater Robyn gave me! I get compliments on it every winter! R.I.P. Robyn. Prayers for Joe, Julian, Janell and the rest of the family for strength during this very difficult time. Love you Joe! Hugs, Bridgette Clarke

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**Bridgette Clarke** - December 26, 2016 at 04:38 PM

YJ

I am at a loss for words. I had a conversation with Robyn at work on Thursday and to receive the news was such a shock. I will miss Robyn's infectious smile and inviting demeanor. My prayers of comfort for the faamily. Yvette Johnson NNDHS

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**Yvette Johnson** - December 26, 2016 at 06:51 PM

MC

*To the family of Joe and Robyn Underdue, and their ECSU family, I extend my sincerest condolences to all of you for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting Joe and Robyn through my daughter, Bridgette Clarke, (ECSU '91). Joe and Robyn were two of the friendliest and happiest people I have had the honor of meeting and my daughter often spoke of them, always with love and good memories. Ironically, she mentioned "the red sweater" Robyn gave her when they were ECSU the day before Robyn's passing and when she called to share the sad news, I could hear in her voice that it was not good. We are never prepared for this but what I do know is my life was enriched by having met them and for the two three times I had the opportunity to witness the warm hearts these two people had and their zest for life, I am grateful. Robyn may me gone, but will never, ever be forgotten and may God grant strength and peace to Joe and their children and the entire family now and forevermore.*

*Fondly,  
Marche Clarke - Greensboro, NC*

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**Marche Clarke** - December 27, 2016 at 10:15 AM

NB

*It is hard to believe that you are no longer with us. I looked forward to being able to see you so that we could laugh and talk at reviews. You will be missed greatly by everyone that knew you. From day one you have always been my Underdog, and that is how I will always remember you...as my sweet Underdog. Prayers for your family and loved ones during this difficult time. Rest in Peace love...Natanya Bland*

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**Natanya Bland** - December 27, 2016 at 02:40 PM

GD

*We are never prepared to lose a loved one, friend, co-worker. Your dedication to your profession was clear; CPS lost an angel, you were taken far too soon. You will never be forgotten by those whose lives you touched. Prayers of comfort for your family as they figure out how to go on without you. Watch over us Robyn.*

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**Gail Davidson** - December 28, 2016 at 07:12 AM

JH

*I would like to send my sincerest condolences and prayers for peace and comfort to the Underdue family. Robyn was a true blessing to the Newport News Human Services family where I worked with her. She served the community in a selfless manner, helping those who are most vulnerable. She was a joy to work with, and always willing to help in any way with a great attitude, quick wit, and a smile that infectious. She will truly be missed. Jennifer Howell.*

**Jennifer Howell** - December 28, 2016 at 02:03 PM

TF

*My dear neighbors of nearly 20 years, it is with the utmost sadness to learn about the loss of my kind and helpful neighbor Ms. Robyn. I watched our children grow up playing together over at your house or over at my house with my son, riding their bikes and riding the school bus together. You are such awesome and caring neighbors. I remember years ago when I walked over to chat and I rang Robyn's doorbell and Julian opened the door and your dog ran pass him and bit me on the knee...LOL. :-). It was just a few nip/scratches from a small dog but I was like OMG. I can't believe that just happened. LOL. Robyn was so caring about the incident. Your assistants in personal matters will never be forgotten. Precious memories I will never forget. May God Keep Joe, Julian and Jenelle in his arms of Love and give them comfort. Rest in peace. From The Walker Family (Vince, Priscilla and Elijah)*

**The Walker Family** - December 28, 2016 at 03:02 PM

AW

*Joe, I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your wife. I will be praying for you and your family.*

**Arnita Woods** - December 29, 2016 at 10:26 PM

VR

*Joe, My thoughts and prayers are with you and family during this difficult time.*

**Vanessa Roberts** - December 30, 2016 at 10:58 AM

ME

*I am in complete shock in learning of the passing of Robyn. We were very closely together with the caseload I had in Victim Services and didn't speak as much when I changed positions in the City. Ironically, she called me the week before the holidays and never identified herself but jumped right into saying something slick! We laughed and I said "Girl you ain't changed!" She will be deeply missed for her awesome personality, the way she cared about the children she was responsible for in CPS, and just the great person she was. My condolences to her entire family and praying that God continues to strengthen you.*

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**MaRhonda Echols** - January 06, 2017 at 02:00 PM