



Thelma Ward Crocker

February 7, 1940 - March 8, 2024

Thelma Ward Crocker was born February 7, 1940 to Willie B. Crocker Sr., and Bertha Cofer Crocker in Smithfield, Virginia. She was the second of nine children, and grew up in Smithfield, Virginia around a bounty of brothers and sisters. There she learned the values of family, hard work, and perseverance which carried her throughout her life.

Thelma joined Brownes AME Methodist Church at an early age and later relocated to Bronx, New York. She was a true example of servanthood and loving people. She loved to sing and would break out in a sing at any time.

Thelma graduated Isle of Wight Training School in Smithfield, Virginia in 1968. She enjoyed high school and was a fun and loving student. After high school, Thelma moved to Bronx, New York where she would lived and work for rest of her life.

Thelma loved people. She worked as a domestic relations consultant. She had a heart of gold for people and would do anything to help others. She made a difference in the lives of countless people

Thelma was a funny and fun person. She was funny as a stand up comedian. She developed a love for singing, impersonating people, especially Elvis Presley. She was always joking and had a way with using words you wouldn't find in the Bible.

She loved meeting new people and being involved in community affairs. She would always lend a hand. She was such a neat and tidy person. You would never find her home out of order. She took pride in her appearance and always was happy to model her clothes whenever she was in your company. All of her outfits would include a pair of shades, hat and T-shirt with an inspirational message.

Thelma was a loving and devoted mother to Demetrius Crocker [deceased] and Wendy Crocker of Franklin, Virginia for 61 years. She was preceded in death by her parents [Willie and Bertha Crocker], grandparents [Rohus and Ida Cofer], brothers [Decatur and

Willie] and sisters [Alma, Emmaline]. She leaves to cherish her memory, a loving daughter, Wendy of Smithfield, VA.; sisters, Grace, Beverly, Veronica, Joyce; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

This is but a small glimpse into the life of a woman who deserved so much, but asked for so little. She will be remembered as a giant with a loyal heart and being fierce as a lion. She will be cherished as a woman who loved her family.

On Friday, March 8, 2024, our beloved mother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend Thelma Ward Crocker entered eternal rest at Columbia Presbyterian Allen Hospital. Thelma was fondly known as Timbo or Horse and will leave a legacy of precious memories in our hearts.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapman - J. T. Fisher Funeral Services

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Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Thelma Ward Crocker*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 14, 2024 at 02:12 PM

RF

“ I just learned of the passing of Thelma Crocker today, 11/11/25. I had the pleasure of meeting her over 20 years ago when she would come to her doctor's appointments at 3400 Bainbridge in The Bronx. My goodness, what a f*#&@g character!!! 🤔🤔🤔

I work in the lobby at 3400 Bainbridge, and I was introduced to her by the now retired customer service rep, Brenda. Thelma took an immediate liking to me. I mean, she made me blush with the stuff that came out of her mouth licking her chops the entire time. Brenda really enjoyed watching me squirm as she sized me up and undressed me with her X-ray eyes. My embarrassment was on full display in the lobby, and she didn't care. Hell, she ate that shit up.

The woman had no filter. None. Like I said, she would lick her chops and start throwing innuendos? I must be out of my damn mind, she didn't sugar coat or hold back on anything . I'm not exactly the shy type, in fact I can be quite loud and raunchy just like Thelma. Whenever we would go at it, I had to look around because of the colorful language that we would throw around freely. I like to think that she met her match when she met me, because it could get out of hand very quickly and often did.

I'm laughing out loud right now, here in that same lobby, as I remember those times. She had a southern drawl, powered by a cigar flavored gravelly voice, and was always bringing us something she cooked up. The way she talked about food would leave you with a hankering for some of her ham, brisket, or pork chops, and are you ready for this...her homemade wine.

But we really looked forward to her homemade bullshit 🤔 Brenda and I knew that it was going to be a gas whenever she announced her entry into the lobby. She could very well have been a stand up comedian. because as they say in the business, she was always on. We both were blessed with a gift for profanity and shocking people. The woman was relentless , and there were few people, like her, that I enjoyed staying in touch with and looking forward to their next visit. She had very little patience, and would often drag her home attendant out to the bus stop because she refused to wait for medical transportation. You will be missed, Thelma. Brenda's going to be sad to hear the news, but we know that you are tearing it up on the banks of River Jordan. Love you, girl. Robert

Robert Feliciano - November 11, 2025 at 02:10 PM

RF

I hope my tribute to Thelma didn't cross the line of decency. I adored her so much, and I wanted to share my remembrance and joy of the funny, beautiful, and bountiful spirit that blessed my days with laughter and joy. We both enjoyed going for the laugh and cracking people up, truly believing that leaving someone with laughter is a blessing. I know that kind of humor may not be for everyone, so please accept my condolences for your great loss, and forgive me for being too candid. ❤️

Robert Feliciano - November 13, 2025 at 12:04 AM

JH

“ My condolence 🙏 to the Crocker family. My prayers are with the family.

Joyce Hardy - March 14, 2024 at 05:01 PM



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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - March 14, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ She had the most unique way of telling what she meant to help you, correct you and support you without ever using a word from Sunday school. She was an incredibly funny and loving lady. She was special and will be missed.

e - March 14, 2024 at 12:22 AM

JH

“ My condolence 🙏 to the Crocker family. May God's peace sustain you during this time of bereavement

Joyce Hardy - March 12, 2024 at 02:52 PM

EB

Condolences to the Crocker family. May you find comfort and peace as you mourn the loss of your loved one. 🙏

Evelyn H Blount - March 14, 2024 at 01:40 AM