

## *Pallbearers*

Thad Fontaine      Shawn Johnson      Pierre Scott  
Shawn Johnson Jr.      Pierce Scott      Jalil Johnson

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Irene Fontaine wishes to express our sincere appreciation for each act of kindness and all messages of sympathy extended to us during the loss of our beloved Irene. Mere words are inadequate to express our true sentiments. God bless each of you for your kindness.

“Rest in Paradise”

They say there's a time to live and a time to die-  
More like a transition where the Spiritual reside -  
Released from her fears and ascend to the sky-  
Along with the father, his open arms breathe  
New life where joy are the tears cried-  
“Grandma, Grandma” what we uttered as kids -  
Itching for the best ice cream inside of her fridge -  
To eat as much as we want felt like Heaven at the Crib -  
She worked, she cleaned, she gave Wisdom and  
planted its seeds -  
A roof to sleep, a bundle of knowledge to keep  
So salute a Queen  
Searching but loss of words seem to plan on repeat -  
They told me you were gone but chu would have been 80  
in a few more weeks -  
Tear drops spilling on these pages as we speak -  
Vividly entail a Pain of unbelief -  
Struggling to face Realities Heartache -  
Must the Lord's comfort and aid you to where his angels sleep -  
A Beautiful Soul A Survivor's League -  
Now Comes a Spiritual Glow designed for Irene.

Lovingly Submitted by: Pierre Scott  
(Grandson)

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## *Irene Fontaine*

April 10, 1941 ~ March 19, 2021

## Obituary

Irene Fontaine was born April 10, 1941 to Pearl Allen Sr. and Annie Bell Sturdivant of Wadesboro, North Carolina. She graduated from Anson County High School, and later moved to Rochester, New York, married Nathaniel Jerome Fontaine, and started a family.

Irene was a strong, beautiful, black woman. She worked tirelessly to help others. She always said, "*There's somebody out there who needs more help than me.*" She was a card-carrying member of the NAACP. Because of her civic engagement, she received numerous awards. Among them were: Patriot of the Year in 2013 from the Hospitalized Veterans Affairs Committee; an accommodation from Feed the Children due to her consistent support for over 25 years and her name was added to the Wall of Tolerance in Montgomery, Alabama for fighting against hatred and injustice in America.

She worked for Strong Memorial Hospital for 10 years, then Xerox Corporation for 15 years. Her part time employment was at Walmart, which she loved because she could shop every time she got paid. Her last job was at Park Ridge Hospital for 30 years, where she was the Housekeeping Supervisor.

As a mother, Irene was the best. She made sacrifices when she didn't have to, just to make sure her family didn't go without. Due to her unselfish ways, she was always being blessed in one way or another. She also had a great sense of humor. She had a way of saying the simplest things in a way that would have you on the floor crying from laughter. What her family and friends will miss most are her voice and her face, but she will live on in our hearts forever.

Irene departed this life March 19, 2021, predeceased by her parents and a brother and a grandson, Darnell J. Fontaine. She leaves to cherish her memory: 3 children: Thad Fontaine (Teddy), Shenetha Ann Fontaine Jones (Sisie) and Shawn Johnson; grandchildren: Meronda L. Scott, Pierre J., Sierra A.A., and Pierce X. Scott; Shawn Johnson Jr., Jalil, Uriah, Alyssa and Latissa Johnson; great-grandchildren: Jacarea K. and Sincere J.J. Scott, Serenity A.A. Smith, Ky and Giovanni Scott, and A'aliyah and Aziah Johnson; 2 brothers, Robert and James Allen, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

Saturday, March 27, 2021  
12:00 Noon  
Metropolitan Chapel  
109 West Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14611  
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Seating of Family and Friends

Scripture Reading . . . . . Pulpit  
Old and New Testaments

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Reflections . . . . . Family and Friends  
(2 minutes, please)

Silent Reading of Obituary . . . . . (Soft Music)

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Recession

*Interment:*

*Oakwood Cemetery*