

In Loving Memory Of



Claudia Josephine Elliott

Sunrise
December 7, 1943

Sunset
November 13, 2012

Services

Tuesday, November 20, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME

191-02 Linden Blvd.
St. Albans, New York 11412

Obituary

Claudia Josephine Elliott was born on the lovely West Indian Island of Jamaica, in Port Antonio Portland on December 7, 1943 to David Parkinson and Dorothy Donovan. True to her independent and driven nature, emigrated to New York in the 1960's, permanently settling in Queens County.

Claudia possessed the perfect combination of compassion and focus making her destined for a career in healthcare as a nurse. She faced incredible challenges in her pursuit but never wavered in her desire to become a nurse. Claudia enrolled in the historic Harlem Hospital School of Nursing, founded especially for women of color and graduated as a member of the Class of 1967. In 1981 she graduated from New York Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science. And in 1994 she completed her education with a Master of Public Administration from the Baruch College. Claudia cared for many people during her nursing career which would span more than forty years.

The love shown by Claudia through her profession was easily eclipsed by her love for family and friends. Claudia was blessed by the birth of her two children, Alexander and Maxine and marriage to Dennis Elliott. She delighted in being able to provide her children with a loving home and great opportunities as a result of her hard work. Her children were without doubt, the pride and joy of her life. Claudia would commonly remark, "Everything I do is for them." She was known for her hearty laugh, generous smile and incredibly kind heart. Claudia purchased several properties during her time in New York but chose to raise her family in the home in Cambria Heights. This home had one of her most prized possessions, a beautiful garden which even on a cold day, Claudia could be caught tending.

Always a kind and giving person, Claudia will be remembered as a woman who passed along all the opportunities and blessings that came her way. She is credited among countless people as someone who was a loving, supportive and gentle spirit. Appreciating the distance she traveled and the challenges she endured, if you ever came to her with a problem she would say, "Everything is going to be alright."

Claudia enjoyed gospel music, traveling, spending time with her beloved granddaughters, Joslynn, Alizabeth and Yvonne and gardening.

She was predeceased by her mother, Dorothy, father, David and husband, Dennis. Those left to cherish her memory are: Alexander (son), Maxine (daughter), Joslynn, Alizabeth and Yvonne (granddaughters), Devon (son-in-law), Ruddy Fullerton (companion), her brothers, Richard, Harty, Jr. & Le-Al, sister, Norma and friends.

Claudia will be laid to rest in her beloved home country of Jamaica, in Port Antonio Portland at the Prospect Cemetery where services will be held at the Methodist Church on November 27, 2012.

Order of Service

The Processional “How Great Thou Art”

The Scripture Reading The Lord’s Prayer, Matthew 6:9-13

*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.*

Solo Linda Spellman, “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”
“I Won’t Complain”
“Amazing Grace”

Acknowledgement of Condolences Pastor Beverly Sherrod

Family Tribute Maxine Jeffers

Guest Tribute

Reading of the Obituary Cicely McFarlane

The Eulogy Pastor Beverly Sherrod

Closing Prayer and Words of Benediction Pastor Beverly Sherrod

Recessional Nesta Robert Marley “Three Little Birds” Instrumental

<p><u>Interment</u> November 27, 2012 Prospect Cemetery Port Antonio, Portland Jamaica, West Indies</p>
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What Can You Say

*What can you say
To someone who has always been one of
The most essential parts of your world;
Someone who took you by the hand
When you were little
And helped to show the way.
What do you say to someone
Who stood by to help you grow,
Providing love, strength, and support
So you could become the person
You are today?
What can you say to let her know
That she's the best there is,
And that you hope you've inherited
Some of her wisdom and her strength?
What words would you say
If you ever got the chance?
Maybe you'd just say,
I love you Mom,
And hope she understands...
~Author Unknown~*

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all the kindness, love and support shown by family and friends during this time of sorrow.

Repat to follow after the service at
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