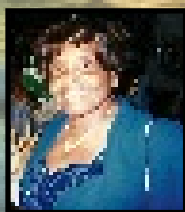
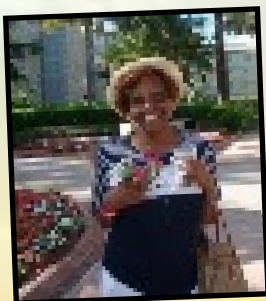
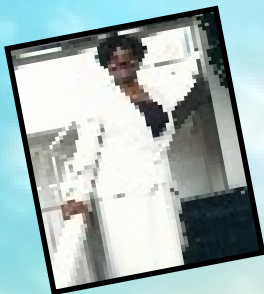


Celebrating the Life of
Frances Venita Joseph

Sunrise
October 22, 1922

Sunset
May 2, 2015

Home Going Celebration
Saturday, May 9, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.
Cotton Funeral Home
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112
Rev. Peter Butler, Eulogist



Obituary

Frances Venita Joseph was born on October 22, 1922, on the beautiful little isle of Union Island, St. Vincent Grenadines, to William Clouden and Fredrica Raymond Clouden.

From an early age Frances had an interest in the things of God and was very active in her church, faithfully serving in the church choir. She also developed an early love for reading, poetry, and storytelling and enjoyed playing lead roles in church and school plays.

With hopes of broadening her horizons, she migrated to the larger island of Trinidad in her late teens. In her early twenties, she was courted by and later married, Carlton Avington Joseph in February, 1945 in their native Union Island. To that union six children were born, Sharon Elizabeth Tidd (Selwyn deceased), Anthony Joseph (June), Pamela Gilkes (David), Carlyle Joseph, Keith Joseph (Enol) and Kathy-Ann Nicholls (Anthony).

As a young mother, with her husband often away at sea, she cared for her family diligently and lovingly. Even as a strict disciplinarian who at times utilized the “rod of correction”, Frances endearingly taught her children life lessons through bible stories, adages and poems. She emphasized the importance of knowing God, prompting her children to always put Him first. Frances also stressed the importance of family and the value of education. One of her favorite lines was, “Get an education, for no one can take it away.”

Frances was creative, industrious and a hard worker. In addition to her never-ending chores, she managed to exercise and perfect her skills at dressmaking. Frances enjoyed sewing dresses for her girls complete with frills and bows; and still found time for a small and loyal clientele.

Frances was a woman with extraordinary qualities. She had an amazing ability to love and nurture lifelong friendships. Her home was always open and often served as a safe haven for family, friends and strangers alike. One of her most admired qualities however was her integrity. She was always a great listener, a confidant, and a wise counsel.

Frances migrated to the United States in 1969 and worked at Drakes Bakeries until her retirement in 1991. After relocating to Newark, New Jersey from Brooklyn, New York, Frances joined and became an active member of Second Reformed Church, where she served on the Consistory Board for several terms.

Frances was truly a peaceful and generous soul. She loved people and enjoyed entertaining, and cooking for her children and grandchildren. She simply loved making others happy. She also enjoyed traveling (which she often did with her grandson Kevin) and enjoyed a good basketball game with family, rooting for her beloved New York Knicks.

She will never be forgotten. She leaves to continue her legacy her six children who love her deeply: fourteen grandchildren, Kevin, Collin, David, Carlene, Anthony Jr., Nikki, Marc, Akin, Nkem, Cherise, Nkechi, Dawad, Arielle and Kaela; twenty-one great-grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; her loving nieces and nephews; sister-in-law and lifelong friend, Leotha Boyce; Michael Antoine; many cousins and a host of friends too numerous to mention.

Loved ones who preceded her in death include her parents, William and Fredrica Clouden, loving husband, Carlton Joseph, sisters, Elma Clouden Cox, Faith Clouden Marcelle and Josephine Clouden Duke, and her brothers, Maylon and Lenard Clouden. In addition, Frances maintained close and loving relationships with her in-laws who have also preceded her in death. They include, Claude and Vera Joseph, Ena Galimore and Majorie Antoine.

Even during her last and most difficult days, Frances maintained her sweet spirit, her unwavering love and faith in God, her dignity, her winsome smile and her gentle manner. She was an example and inspiration to those around her. Her impact on those she came in contact with was unmistakable. God was gracious to Frances and she knew it. Her last sentence just days before her passing was, "I feel so blessed and I feel so loved." Frances lived a wonderful life. When her time came she was more than ready!

Order of Service

Call to Worship.....Minister Yolanda Mitchell (Chairperson)
Processional.....Family
Prayer of Invocation.....Dr. Cherise Bernard (granddaughter)
Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Clifton McDowell, Sr.
Selection.....Choir
Old Testament Reading.....Keving Gilkes (grandson)
Selection.....Choir
New Testament Reading.....Kaela Nicholls (granddaughter)
Poem.....Arielle Nicholls (granddaughter)
Obituary & Tribute.....Dr. Kathy-Ann Nicholls (daughter)
Acknowledgements and Condolences.....Minister Yolanda Mitchell
Poem.....Marc Gilkes (grandson)
Tribute from grandchildren
Selection.....Choir
Eulogy.....Rev. Peter Butler, Second Reformed Church
Remarks.....Rev. Clifton McDowell, Sr.
Final Viewing

Interment

Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery
1500 Stuyvesant Avenue
Union, New Jersey

God's Garden

God looked around His garden
and found an empty place.
Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He placed His arms around you
and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He saw the road was getting rough
and the hills were hard to climb,
so He closed your eyes and whispered
"Peace be Thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
but you did not go alone,
a part of us went with you
the day God called you home.
If love would have saved you,
you never would have died.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Frances Venita Joseph** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all the telephone calls, visits, and deeds of kindness. We especially want to extend our gratitude to the administration and entire staff at Signature Health Care of Palm Beach and Hospice of Palm Beach, Florida. Special thanks to her companions during the last two years: Marcia Braithwaite, Carol Traverso, Bianca Acosta and Dorothy Sanders.

The Joseph family

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