

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



*Marva Vernon*

*(September 9, 1951 - February 3, 2019)*

Service  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

**Cotton Funeral Service**  
130 Main Street, Orange, New Jersey  
**Pastor Earl Baldwin, Officiating**  
**Osmond Collins, Organist**



# Obituary

**Marva Vernon**, affectionately called Marv or simply Sis, was born on September 9, 1951 in Harris Village, South Oropouche, Trinidad and Tobago. She was the third of twelve children of her mother Sylvia Vera Vernon (deceased). As a child, Marva attended South Oropouche Government Primary School and then St John's College in Vistabella, Trinidad. After secondary school, Marva worked as a Security Officer at Piarco International Airport to support herself and her daughter.

On a personal level, Marva was stern but yet very charismatic. She enjoyed life and loved a party. She enjoyed going Trinidad around Carnival time for the festivities. In our family, Marva was always the voice of reason and truth. She wasn't afraid to speak her mind and "doh give ah ass" who liked her opinion or not. She did, however, had a calm demeanor when she spoke, but don't get her angry. This trait is reflected in her daughter, Tricia. As a mother and grandmother, her primary concern was her children and grandchildren. She was proud of them and loved having them around. As a sister, she was caring. She loved her brothers and sisters alike. She would comment if you looked good or if you looked bad. That was her, a straight shooter.

In 1989, Marva migrated to the United States of America, settled in New Jersey and worked as home health aide for a number of years. Marva then transitioned into food service where she worked for over ten years at Greystone Psychiatric Hospital in Morris Plains, NJ. She formed life-long friendships who to the end supported her and her children and it was greatly appreciated.

Marva retired in 2016 and had plans on enjoying retirement with her older sister, Myrtle like the Golden Girls. Unfortunately, shortly after her retirement, she was diagnosed with her ailment and began her fight. She remained strong during her battle like her mother did. She fought a good fight. She didn't complain too much because she loved her independence.

Marva is survived by her children daughter, Tricia Avion Vernon, two sons Kerne and Kirk Vernon, grandchildren, Kierron, Ajanea and Kyla; sisters: Gloria (Michelle and Dierdra), Myrtle (Kyle), Marylou (Tresor, Mercer, Dez), Cheryl, Angela (Shanika); brothers: Trevor (Lamar, Aieshia), Kent (Andre, Amanda), Nigel (Gerard, Akila, Cassara), Damon (Jahmal, Ishmael, Imani), Colley (Cristen), Denzil (Tenasha, Nahgee, Jada); brothers- and sisters-in-law: Ramcharan, Cuttie, Fabio, Hyacinth, Cynthia, Debra, Carol Ann; Aunt Cynthia and Uncle Holly and her beloved surrogate son, Christopher Wilson.

She is also related to a slew of cousins on both the Vernon and her extended Baldwin families: Chris, Cutty, Hugh, Lesli, Rudy Chris, Cynthia, Dianne, Monica, Doreen, Jacklyn, Kurt, Karen, Karlon, Kwama, Horace, Maxine, Margot, Marsha, June, Judith, Waveney, Janet, Pastor Earl, Edson, Winston, Ian, Max, and Andy.

On February 3, 2019, after a long and fulfilling life, Marva Vernon passed on. Another link broken from our family chain, but fear not, God has a plan to reconnect us once again. She has left her legacy with her children, her grandchildren, her brothers and sisters and everyone she has touched. Just remember, *Ps 27:14 "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD."*

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy  
Pastor Earl Baldwin

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

# *An Ode to My Mother*

*(Written by Aiyana Gopaul for The Vernon Family)*

*A loving mother she was.  
Always caring for others with love.  
And although God has called her home.  
Don't worry, she is not alone.*

*Remember all the good times whenever you're sad.  
Let the memories imprint your hearts, for she would be glad.  
Her body is now at peace and her soul has risen.  
In heaven she shines and becomes an angel in your eyes.*



## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Marva B. Baldwin** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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