

In Loving Memory of
Cleopatra A. Gustard

Sunrise
March 30, 1944

Sunset
February 6, 2020



Service

Thursday, February 13, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Michael White, Officiating

Obituary

Cleopatra Adassa Gustard passed away on February 6, 2020 in Jersey City, New Jersey. She was 75.

Cleo, as she was known, was born to Frederick Gustard and Verona Gustard on March 30, 1944. She grew up in Sedge Pond, Jamaica, interacting with four brothers: Edmund, Bancroft ('Banny'), Harry and Cleveland; and, three sisters: Joyce, Dulcie and Sarah.

As a teenager, Cleo loved to design and sew her own clothes. So much so that she "apprenticed" with a local seamstress before she entered high school. During this period of life she developed a strong sense of loyalty in friendship but was also a no-nonsense person. She never allowed herself to be taken advantage of by anyone. She attended the Tutorial College high school in Kingston and then, the College of Arts, Science and Technology (CAST). Cleo has always been an avid church goer and it was during her time at CAST that she met her husband, David Bedward, at a church event in Kingston. The two married in 1970 and moved to the United States shortly thereafter where they had three sons: Steven Bedward (Boyani), Gregory Bedward (Arrah) and Andrew Bedward (Amy). Cleo and David raised their family in East Orange, New Jersey. Those who knew Cleo well knew she was a very devoted mother whose primary concern was the well-being of her 3 sons. At any given time, Cleo could be the occupant of 2-3 jobs just to ensure her boys were properly taken care of. Her work ethic was her strongest quality and she placed all her energy into developing her 3 sons into respectful, honest and hardworking men.

When she wasn't working, she would seek respite engaging in fellowship as a member of the East Orange Church of Christ, or immersed in one of her three favorite hobbies: gardening, sewing clothes and knitting. She was a devout and loyal Christian who had a bible verse handy for virtually every lecture she gave her sons. During the spring and summer months, you could not catch Cleo anywhere other than her garden; she even took it upon herself to plant and garden for her neighbors, which was annoying to many of them. During the winter months, she spent most of her time at her sewing machine or at her kitchen table knitting what would eventually become a beautiful garment or a quilt for a loved ones' newborn.

She will be dearly missed by her husband, David, three sons, three granddaughters (Dahlia, Sumara and Emma), numerous other relatives and her loving church family of the East Orange Church of Christ.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

INTERMENT

Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

Matthew 11: 28-30

*28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.*

*29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek
and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



Acknowledgement

The family of **Cleopatra A. Gustard** 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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