

*A Celebration of Life*  
*Clotell Lillian Doris*

**1934 - 2021**



**Grace Christian Church**

*-- Mentoring Disciples of Christ --*

434 DeWitt Ave, Brooklyn NY 11207

**Officiating Pastor – Dr. Reynold F. Howell, D.Min.**

*Thursday, March 18, 2021*

*Viewing – 10am & Service – 11am*

# Obituary

Clotell Lillian Doris  
December 15, 1934 -- March 5, 2021

Mrs. Clotell Lillian Doris was born December 15, 1934, to the late Edmund and Lillian Greenidge in Hoobadee, Linden, Guyana, South America. Her baby sister Joyce said that she was stunning with beautiful hair. She also said that Mom was very sweet and kind. So, Joyce played pranks on her. When Mom went out, she pretended to cry all the while. Mom was gone until she returned. She said Mom would comfort her so gently that she almost felt guilty. Aunt Joyce was reminiscing with mom about some of the moments they shared. Even though mom was ill, there was just lots of laughter in the room by both and all of us around. She also shared many other fond memories of her other siblings, Olga, her oldest sister, Carl and Desmond, her older brothers and her younger brother, Edmond.



On November 30, 1959, she was happily married to John Joseph Doris.



She had four children of She became a secretary at East Ruimveldt (Back School) and Cumming Lodge Secondary Schools. She typed at least eighty words per minute. She was very proud of her secondary skills. She also loved to take care of the students. When the student became grown, they were her friends and never forgot her kindness. The faculty and staff loved her.

Mom was very instrumental in her children and grandchildren's success. She encouraged us in her own, gentle way to be the best God wanted us to be. She was very proud to see her daughters, me, and Jewelle graduate as doctors and nurses. The same pride she showed for Andre' who became a Senior Unix Administrator Information Technologist for many hospitals and banks in New York and Dave, who got into Insurance sales, among other things. If we failed our exam or something else did not go right, she would calmly say, "Don't worry, God is in control, and All is Well." She was meek and mild but Strong and Mighty in the Lord. She preached at church and had her crusade, and led souls to Christ, including her Mother. She was also happy in Her Lord. She would get up and clap and sing in church.



Mom never met a stranger. She was always open to entertaining, even provide boarding to people in our home. One of my College friends, Sharonrose, went home with me to spend the summer break, and Mom welcomed her with open arms. She became our sister, and Mom became her Mother. She never left our family. She even got married to one of our family friends, and Mom did everything for that wedding, even made the bride's dress. She was a seamstress earlier in life, so she and her friend made my wedding dress too. She loved "to feel cloth." That was her term for shopping or window shopping for clothes. While growing up, we were the fashion plates for the neighborhood. We had handmade dresses and pants and school uniforms, shoes and matching purses too. Due to her influence, I became a model as a child. My sister, Jewelle and I continue to maintain the love for being well dressed. She also loved spending time with all her grandchildren. She babysat all of them in New York and Ohio. She would come down to Ohio and make roti and curry and lots of jokes with them and us.



Mom was a true warrior. Over the years, Mom fought many illnesses, including Diabetes. She was dubbed the comeback kid. However, with great regret, on March 5, 2021, she succumbed to Bilateral Pneumonia. Through all these battles, Mom never lost her faith in God. She was always praying and encouraging others. Even with her Dementia, Andre sent out a picture of her praying beside her bed, kneeling on the hard floor. Her favorite mantra was, "God is good all the time, and All the time God is good."

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Doris. Her children will always, lovingly remember mom, Dave Doris (Coleen), Andre Doris (Vanessa), Jilian Waite (Aston), Jewelle Doris, Maxine Doris-Simon (Wilfred), adopted daughter Sharonrose Bollers (Charles), her sisters: Olga Horatio-Canada, Joyce Moore-England who are



profoundly sadden for not being able to attend in person due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Nieces: Desiree, Babsie, Jennifer, Annette, Wendy, Kathy, Beverly, Rhonda, Denise, Elisabeth, Amanda, great-nieces, Tatiana, Nicole, Macy, Nicole, and many more nieces and great-nieces, nephews: Orland, Carl, Leslie (Jennifer), Leon, Wilton, Junior, Walter, Colin (Victoria), Terry, Rodrick, Rodwell, Wendel, Rennie, Edmund, and many more nephews and great-nephews, grandchildren: Dave Doris Jr. (Meralisa), Douglas Doris, Candacy Doris, Kenisha, Dr. Jasmin Doris, Brandon Doris, Dr. Astian Waite, Aston Waite III, Asher Waite, Ayja Waite, Ato

Sharples, Dr. Jessica Rogers (Dr. Pernell), Justin Simon and many more, sisters-in-law: Veronica Ford, Esme Greenidge and many more, Pastor Reynold Howell and members of the Grace Christian Church, as well as other relative and friends.



# *Order of Service*

Prelude .....	Montage Video & Viewing
Processional .....	Family and close Friends
Purpose Statement .....	Dr. Reynold Howell
Hymn of Comfort "Shall We Gather At The River" .....	Elder Pauline Belle
Prayer of Consolation .....	Elder Pauline Belle
1st Scripture Reading .....	(son) Andre Doris
Poem .....	(daughter) Jewelle Doris
2nd Scripture Reading: I Peter 3:4 .....	(son-in-law) Aston Waite Sr.
Ministry of Music: "Free" .....	(granddaughter) Jasmin Doris
Reflections & Tributes: Family Members Others: (Please limit remarks to 2 minutes each)	
Acknowledgments .....	(son) Dave Doris
Ministry of Music .....	(Family friend) Dawn Pratt-Profitt
Obituary .....	(daughter) Dr. Jilian Waite
Ministry of Music "We Shall Behold Him" .....	(son-in-law) Aston Waite
Eulogy "Dimensions of a Complete Life" .....	Dr. Reynold Howell
Closing Hymn "In the Sweet By And By" .....	Elder Pauline Belle
Benediction .....	Dr. Reynold Howell
Final Viewing .....	Grace Steel Orchestra

## *Interment*

Immediately following the service, March 18, 2021  
Pinelawn Cemetery, 1 Pinelawn Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735



## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I am following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned me back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or pray.  
Things left undone must stay that way.  
I've found my peace at the end of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, these things I, too, will miss.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, God's love, a dear one's touch.  
So, be not burdened with tears of sorrow.  
Don't grieve for me – look to tomorrow.  
Lift your heart and share with me.  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

*From her loving: sister Joyce Moore and her  
nephew: Colin Moore (Victoria), nieces: Macy,  
Nicole, nephew Terry Moore  
niece Rhonda Moore, great-nephew, Aaron*

## *Isaiah 55: 12*

You will go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and hills  
will burst into song before you,  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap their hands.

*From her loving: sister Olga Horatio family  
Rest in peace, our beloved Mother!*



## *Expressions of Gratitude*

On behalf of our entire family, we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy, which provided strength and comfort during our time of grief.

Special thanks: Dr. Lum, nurses Marie, Armand and the rest of the medical team and caregivers at Silvercrest Rehab and Nursing facility and New York Presbyterian-Queens Hospital

The Doris' and Waite's Families

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