

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Cecil Francis, a Black woman with short dark hair, wearing a white blazer over a white top and a long necklace. She is positioned in the center of the image. The background is a soft, light pink color with large, stylized white flowers on the left and right sides.

Cecil Francis

Sunrise: August 27, 1949

Sunset: November 19, 2021

Monday, December 6, 2021 - 10AM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

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Order of Service

Rev. Hilario Albert, Officiating

Instrumental Music

Greeting

Prayer

Scripture Readings & Lessons:

First Lesson read by Clair Francis (Job 19:21-27a)

Psalm 23 read by Gabrielle Kalin-Daniel

Hymn

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

Second Lesson read by Jelahni Morson (Revelation 7:9-17)

Hymn

“It Is Well With My Soul”

The Holy Gospel (John 5:24-27)

Homily

Rev. Hilario Albert

Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

Obituary

Alfred “Wayne” Morson

The Prayers of the People

Read by Alexander Kalin

The Commendation

The Committal

INTERMENT:

Kensico Cemetery

Valhalla, New York

Obituary

During this season of Thanksgiving we give God thanks for the life of **Cecil Luella Francis**, affectionately known as “Theresa“. Theresa was born on August 27, 1949 on the Caribbean island of Montserrat. She was the third of five children born to Margaret Anne Elizabeth Francis and Alfred Francis. She was baptized and christened Anglican and attended church regularly. Growing up in Montserrat, Theresa attended and graduated from Saint George’s School. She was a Girl Guide, and was part of the Anglican Young People’s Association.

In 1967, Theresa moved to St. Thomas Virgin Islands where she worked for many years at the Sheraton Hotel. In 1978, Theresa migrated to New York to join her sisters. She became a faithful member of the St. Thomas Liberal Catholic Church where she was a key member of the Montserrat group within the church. She was an important part of key fundraising events for the church.

Theresa worked as a caretaker, waitress, nanny, and sometimes would work two jobs to support herself and her children. She was known for her bubbly personality, quick wit and would start a conversation with anyone and more importantly listen to anyone. She loved watching the news especially the financial news so she could plan her investment strategy, she was an avid investor for many years. Theresa also loved discussing politics. Theresa loved listening to music especially her favorite singer Marty Robbins and she loved to dance. Theresa took culinary classes and loved to cook and bake. Don’t be late to the dinner table when she made her famous barbecued ribs because they were the first to go.

Affectionately known as “T”, “Auntie T” or “Aunt Weesa”, Theresa loved her many nieces and nephews and would shower them with gifts on their birthdays and Christmas. She delighted her nieces and nephews by dressing as Santa at Christmas time and passing out gifts. She is preceded in death by her daughter Tamara, brother John and sister Alice. Theresa is survived by: her twin daughters, Vallison and Allison; siblings, Glendora, St. Claire, Jenita, and Cereese; her nieces and nephews, Leon, Wayne, Connie, Lenora, Desiree, Phil, Clair, Gabrielle and Alexander; her grandnephew, Nicolas; and numerous other grandnieces and nephews; her brother-in-law, Philbert; sister-in-law, Berdeena; cousins, Edward, Charles and Cyril Semper and the rest of the Semper family; her adoptive family, Hilary, Zoe and Edward; and many other family and friends too numerous to mention.

We will all miss her kind heart, infectious laugh, beautiful smile and great conversations but we know she is resting comfortably in Our Father’s arms and we shall all meet again in the sweet bye and bye.



God looked around the garden and found an empty space.
He looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.
He put 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 knew that you would never be well on earth again,
He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories your love is still our guide,
and though we can not see you, you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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