

# *Celebration of Life*



*Vienna M. Medford*

May 6, 1925 – July 5, 2024



Saturday, July 13, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

**Sacred Heart**

115-58 222<sup>nd</sup> Street, Cambria Heights, NY

**Interment**

**Highland Memorial Gardens  
Apopka, Florida**

## *Obituary*

**Vienna Michaeline (Coqueran) Medford** was born on May 6, 1925, to Marcel Etienne and Racina Valantine Coqueran in San Fernando, Trinidad. In 1947, she married Rudolph Martin Medford, who passed away on April 6, 2014. From this union, they had eight children together. Vienna migrated to the United States in November 1969 to provide her children with better opportunities. She was a devoted mother who never failed to correct them when needed, regardless of their age. She loved her family, her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchild.

She was a woman of great strength and courage, as she maneuvered all her challenges in life. In her early years, she began as a student monitor at St. Gabriel Roman Catholic School. After a negative experience with a nun, she did not want to go back. So, her aunt introduced her to sewing, where she found her passion. She had a natural gift for sewing without patterns. Hence she became a seamstress. She had lots of clients in Trinidad, including a government minister's wife and her entire family.

Upon moving to the U.S., she worked for the Henkoff family, who had two children (Lisa and Phillip) whom she took care of. The Henkoff family sponsored her which greatly impacted her life. Vienna became the head seamstress at Halloran House, which later became Marriott.

Mommy (the name she was called by all) loved dancing, traveling both domestically and internationally. She traveled to a lot of places, including Africa, Rome, Lourdes, Fatima and Medjugorje and other

religious sites. Mommy also enjoyed whistling while sewed.

She was a devout Catholic and attended mass seven days a week at Sacred Heart Church. Her rosary was always in her hand, so much so she passed away with two rosaries around her neck. She said her rosary was her comforter. As her memory declined, she never forgot how to say the rosary, even at the end, she mumbled it.

In the last couple of days, she was unable to raise herself up without assistance. This would be the last memorable and recent thing Mommy did, was to sit up with haste much to our amazement – when we told her Father Delva was here to see her. Our mom will be remembered as a kind and caring person.

As stated before, she loved to travel. She will now take flight on Delta Airlines to Highland Memorial Cemetery in Orlando, Florida, to her final resting place alongside her daughter Marcia. May the choirs of angels come to greet her and may they speed her to paradise.

Mommy, grandma, sister, auntie, friend – we will always love and miss you.

Vienna was preceded in death by her husband Rudolph, her son Michael, her daughter Marcia, her son Keith and siblings Ravel, Bennet, Elethus and Vida. Vienna leaves behind her brother Theodore Coqueran, and her children Kathleen, Ian, Andy, Althea and Marlon, 12 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, particularly from the Wests and Richardson families, and a host of friends.

# Order of Service

Officiating

**Father Delva**

Placing of the Pall

**Ian Medford  
Andre Medford  
Marlon Medford  
Darnell Roberts  
Randal Medford  
Keith Hazzard  
Kurt West  
Charles Williams**

Hymn Entrance

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

Prayer

First Reading

*The Book of Wisdom 3:1-9*

**Nina Simone Scarlett  
Kamira Medford**

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 23- The Lord is My Sheppard*

Second reading

*2 Timothy 4 7-8*

**Jules Williams**

Gospel

*a reading for the Holy Gospel according to John 14:2-6*

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Offertory Hymn

*"It Is Well With My Soul"*

Presentation of the Gifts

*"Lord, When You Come To The Seashore"*

**Jillian Hatcher  
Liam Lee**

Eucharist Prayer

Communion Hymn

*"I am the Bread of Life"*

MEDITATION POST COMMUNION *"Ave Maria"*

**Patricia Patino**

EULOGY

**Darnel Medford-Roberts**

FINAL COMMENDATION

*"Song of Farewell"*

**Patrica Patino**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*"Be Not Afraid"*

**Accompanied by James Jones**











# *If Tomorrow Never Comes*

By Norma Cornett Marek

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep,  
I would tuck you in more tightly, and pray the Lord your soul to keep.  
If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you walk out the door,  
I would give you a hug and kiss, and call you back for just one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,  
I would tape each word and action, and play them back throughout my days  
If I knew it would be the last time, I would spare an extra minute or two,  
To stop and say "I love you," instead of assuming you know I do.

So just in case tomorrow never comes, and today is all I get,  
I'd like to say how much I love you, and I hope we never will forget.  
Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike,  
And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?  
For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day  
That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss,  
And you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in their ear,  
That you love them very much, and you'll always hold them dear.  
Take time to say "I'm sorry," "Please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay".  
And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family would like to express their profound and heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them during these most difficult days. In the days ahead, we will need your continued prayers and support.*

*The Family*

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