

*Celebration
Of Life*



Cynthia V. Brown-Griffiths

Sunrise
September 23, 1931

Sunset
June 11, 2025

Service
Monday, June 30, 2025 – 11:00am

Christ Chapel
The Riverside Church

490 Riverside Drive • New York, NY 10027
The Reverend Adriene Thorne, Senior Minister
The Reverend Timothy Dalton, Officiant

Order of Service

Prelude

Procession

Opening Sentences and Invocation

Rev. Timothy Dalton

Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Scripture Readings

Mathew 5:1-12 & 11:25-30

Reading of Obituary

Words of Remembrance (3 minutes please)

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

Scripture Reading

Psalms 103

Eulogy

Rev. Timothy Dalton

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Timothy Dalton

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

Interment

Trinity Church Cemetery and Mausoleum

770 Riverside Dr.

New York, NY 10032

Obituary

Cynthia Veronica Brown was born on September 23, 1931, to Lillian Walcott and her father Mr. Brown. She had an older brother named Calvin Hamilton.

As a child she attended Gourney's Mount Elementary School in Hanover, Jamaica. When she came to America she attended the Historically Black College, MeHarry Medical College in Tennessee.

When Cynthia came to NY, she began her career in Nursing at the VA Hospital on 23rd Street in Manhattan. She served as a dedicated registered nurse and coordinator for over 30 years. Her colleagues valued her expertise and even created a saying to praise her. One being a cartoon, "I need someone up on the latest techniques & Procedures. Get me Cynthia V. Brown STAT!" In her retirement years she would enjoy outings with colleagues.

Cynthia met her future husband Noel by a quaint introduction through her cousin Blossie in Kingston, Jamaica. They remained friends over several years. Then in the fall of 1984, Noel and Cynthia would marry. Although they never had children together, they enjoyed many years together traveling and spending time in their home in Teaneck, New Jersey. They joined and attended services at Riverside Church in Harlem on Sundays.

Over the years, Cynthia and Noel would host Christmas or Thanksgiving dinners. They were very social. When Noel passed Cynthia continued the tradition of hosting Christmas dinner so we could admire her decorative Christmas tree. Cynthia was very independent and knowledgeable. She remained in touch with her close college friends through phone calls and annual lunch dates. Cynthia spent time with cousins and loved ones. She kept in touch with nieces and nephews in Jamaica. She enjoyed playing sudoku and collecting educational articles. She loved fried chicken and cookies. She would encourage everyone to do the best they can.

Cynthia Veronica Brown passed on June 10, 2025 at the age of 93. She lived a full and long life filled with joy and determination. She is survived by her dear cousin, Carmen (Blossie) Daley. God daughter, Vanessa Daley, son, Miles Johnson and daughter, Zuri Johnson. Cousins, Kenneth Blair, wife Patsy Blair, Donald Blair, wife Evadnie Blair. Nieces and nephews, Wayne (Tony) Hamilton, Richardo (Ricky) Hamilton, Pepieta (Peaches) Hamilton, Althea Hamilton and grand nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and loved ones.

Promise Yourself

Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet. To make all your friends feel that there is something in them. To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true. To think only of the best, to work for the best and expect the best. To be just as enthusiastic about success of others as you are about your own. To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

— Christian D. Larson

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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