



Joyce Cecilia Noel

October 27, 1941 - May 15, 2023

Joyce Cecilia Noel was a precious gift to her adopted parents Carlton (Papa) and Veronica Gilkes (Mama). She was born on the Caribbean island of Trinidad and Tobago on October 27th, 1941. Joyce always acknowledged and loved her two moms, Ms. V or Mama as she was lovingly called, and Tanty Daisy, her birth mother. Although adopted, Joyce grew to know her siblings, Desmond Grant, deceased; Michael Grant, and Venus Wallace, deceased.

To have known Joyce was to be loved by Joyce. Joyce was an extraordinary woman. She dedicated her life to caring for others and was empowered through her strong unwavering faith in God. Whether it be through her cooking, poetry, jokes, or prayers, Joyce had a gift for soothing the souls of everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her.

Joyce met her husband Addison Noel in 1967. He was struck by her beauty and kindness. Together, they welcomed the children from their previous marriages Glenda Noel-Ney and Astrud "Trudy" Burnett. Together, they birth Andrea Noel, deceased; Bernard Noel; Marcus Noel, and Matthew Noel.

Joyce's desire to help others was exemplified through her life's work. She was a servant/leader in the truest sense. After moving to New York from Trinidad, Joyce worked as a nurse's aide at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. After many years, she followed her dream and opened three

popular Caribbean restaurants in Brooklyn, Joyce's Café, Joyce's Café on Utica Avenue, and JayB's on Nostrand Avenue where she filled the bellies and hearts of all who stopped inside for her famous Roti and specialty home-made Caribbean drinks. Joyce and Addy retired to Kissimmee, FL where they built solid friendships and community. She was known for her powerful prayers, and her love of singing. She built community through the gospel and was known for taking time to look in on her elderly neighbors, brush their hair, shave them, and wash their feet. When she visited, she often brought her homemade carrot cupcakes.

In later years, Joyce was visited with Alzheimer's. It never stopped her joy or praying spirit. Matthew and his wife Jennifer, and their children, Mathis, Micah Mae, and Malachi, will always remember the laughter, hugs, and stories of their grandmother. Bernard and his wife Miracle will remember her encouragement and support. Bernard's children Breon Johnson deceased; Jazmine Simpson, and Nashawn Noel will miss her prayers, gentle scolding, and support. Her daughter, Glenda, husband Willie Ney, and grandson Pierce C. Doyle will miss her voice, her smile, her poetry, and with every member of the family, her uncompromising love. Andrea's children Shannon and Andreas will miss the love, caring, advice, and voice of their grandmother. Family members Adrienne and Anais Noel, Charlene Blache, Kenty and Sonja Noel, Debbie Noel and her son Richard, Alpert Blache, Andre, Kerry, and Samuel Noel, will remember her walk with the Lord, and how much she loved her Addy! Her many friends, too many to list, will remember a friend! Maribel Mercado, Lisa Best, Dorothy Henry, Ms. Jean, Donna, Greg, and so many friends, are proud of Joyce, and excited about her journey with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Noel Family is saddened to acknowledge the passing of matriarch Joyce Cecilia Noel. Beautiful and loving wife of Addison M. Noel, mother of Glenda Noel-Ney, Bernard Noel, Marcus Noel, and Matthew Noel. Gone too soon,

daughter Andrea Noel, brother Desmond Grant, sister Venus Wallace, and grandson Bren Johnson. A Christian first, chef, poet, restaurateur, and friend, she will be missed by her community. Her grandchildren Pierce Doyle, Andreas, Matthis, Malachi, Micah Mae, Nashawn, and Shannon Noel, also Jazmine Simpson, and stepdaughter Astrud "Trudy" Burnett will miss her dearly. Her daughters-in-law Jenniter and Miracle Noel, and son-in-law Willie Ney will remember heartfelt talks, warm hugs, and laughter.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

1615 Old Boggy Creek Road
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greenway Church
3400 Hunters Creek Blvd
Orlando, FL 32837

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Cecilia Noel*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Pastor, LeRoy Butler, Jr.- WFCOC purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joyce Cecilia Noel.*



Pastor, LeRoy Butler, Jr.- WFCOC - May 25, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ *The Woodlawn Forrest Church of Christ in Valdosta, Georgia send our deepest condolences to the family of the late Ms. Joyce Cecilia Noel. A cherished member of our church family, Dr. Charlene Blache is Ms. Noel's niece and we share her grief in this moment. May God grant you peace and comfort in your loss. LeRoy Butler, Jr., Evangelist/Pastor.*

LeRoy Butler, Jr. - May 20, 2023 at 11:49 AM