



Norma Kendall - Hamlet

December 7, 1938 - July 14, 2023

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Norma Kendall-Hamlet was born on December 7, 1938 in the island of Trinidad & Tobago. She was raised by her father, Cuthbert Fitzgerald Kendall and stepmother Ju Kendall and was preceded in death by both parents and mother Agatha Bernard.

Norma grew up in a small village in south Trinidad before leaving to pursue higher education in the city. She attended Naparima Girls' High School for one semester before moving to Port-of-Spain to continue her higher education at the prestigious St. Augustine Girls' High School, graduating with a BA in Secretarial studies.

Norma was united in holy matrimony to Mervyn Elias Hamlet on August 7, 1965, and from this union, was blessed with one son and one daughter.

Norma's, secretarial skills was just the beginning of a long career in which she excelled. She began working at the United States Military base in Trinidad as a Legal Secretary, until it was disbanded. Norma continued as a Legal Secretary at the Public Transportation Service Corporation (PTSC) where she was voted Secretary of the Year. Her service to this Corporation ended when she retired. She then moved to Atlanta, Georgia where she was able to raise

her two children as a single mother.

Arriving in Atlanta, Norma attended Rutledge College and graduated with an accounting degree. She was employed by a small family-owned business as an accountant. She then worked at Macy's as an assistant buyer in the fashion jewelry department. From there she worked at The Home Depot Corporate office as an accountant, in the Loss and Prevention Department until she retired on June 28, 2007.

Norma was spirituality fed, and loved attending Cascade United Methodist Church. As her health failed, she continued listening to the sermons on live stream until she transitioned. Many of us, received a daily devotional from her, electronically. When you did not receive them, you knew something was not right. She was truly a Spiritual woman.

During Norma's "ME TIME" she could always be found either reading a good novel or journaling her deepest thoughts.

Norma's personality was larger than life, she exuberated this through her LOVE for dancing and listening to Soca Music. She never met a stranger which allowed her to cultivate several friendships. In Trinidad, Norma was a long-standing member of the Olive Walke's La Petite Musicale-Caribbean Folk Songs (1963) RCA Victor-LPB 3016, singing and performing cultural folk songs nationwide.

In the United States, Norma was on a mission to exemplify her Trinidad roots, that being said she hit the ground running, determined to be involved in community affairs. Her gifts and talents awarded her numerous achievements.

Continuing her love for community involvement in Atlanta, she joined with Paula Cooper, the founder and President of Atlanta Sister Cities Commission

(ASCC), which later became known as Atlanta/Port-of-Spain Sister Cities. Norma served as President. On June 10, 1997, Bill Campbell, former Mayor, of Atlanta, awarded Norma the Certificate of Appreciation for her valuable contributions, in bringing the two cities together in spirit of cooperation, friendship and international understanding.

May 4, 2002, she received an Unsung Heroines Award from Metropolitan Atlanta Coalition of 100 Black Women.

2007 Murchison Brown, former Mayor of Port of Spain, awarded her a Certificate for her dedication for development of the Sister Cities Relationship.

2011 Norma worked with Global Health and Humanitarian Summit -Atlanta where she was the liaison with the Atlanta Fire Department, training members of the Trinidad and Tobago fire services. Norma, along with a team of workers gathered and donated medical supplies and a medical bus that was shipped to AFRICA.

June 2012, The Georgia Caribbean American Heritage Coalition, recognized for her outstanding contribution in the Caribbean American Community.

October 30, 2017, Norma was presented an Award of Appreciation from the Port-of-Spain Corporation, recognizing her dedication to the development of the Sister Cities Relationship between Atlanta and Port-of-Spain.

Norma also participated in, and supported various events hosted by, The Trinidad and Tobago Georgia Association.

Yes, Norma will be missed. We will cherish and remember her for her quiet spirit, amazing sense of humor, ('Drink yah water and mind yah Business') her

favorite quote, unwavering love and warmth. She is survived by her son, Wayne Hamlet (Madelene), daughter, Gale Frankie, brothers, Augustus Chester, Cyril Bernard (Pat), Keith Bernard, Winston Bernard, Hugh Bernard, Clyde Rabathly, and Michael Rabathly, sisters, Jenifer Bernard, Merle Rabathly, and Deborah Forde, several nieces and nephews, cousins, granddaughter, grand babies, and a host of relatives and friends.

In Lieu of flowers feel free to donate to help offset medical expenses this can be made to Gale via Zelle @404-375-0789

Service will be live streamed at the following link

<https://vimeo.com/event/3583177>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **29**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Home - Rockdale Chapel
1999 Hwy 138 SE
Conyers, GA 30013

Tribute Wall

KH

“ Wayne and Gail, you’re like my brother and sister. Your Mom was like my Mom to me. You all were my family since the day we first met as teens. I have many great memories of my extended family especially Norma giving me my first shot of “Buckley’s! You’re in my thoughts and prayers today 🙏

Kevin Hamilton - July 29, 2023 at 01:21 PM

PC

“ Gail and Wayne....you are in my thoughts this morning. Wish I could be there physically but my big brotchet represents us all. Love and Hugs. From Pat..the girls and boys.

Patricia Charles - July 29, 2023 at 10:27 AM

SH

“ Sincerest condolences to the family..I met Norma first at La Petit Musicale and later on when I worked for a short while at PTSC..always friendly, vivacious, and off course sexy ,loved her soca and carnival..truly a ‘Trini to d Bone’ ...to a life well lived..RIP my friend ...

Selma Hodge - July 29, 2023 at 09:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norma Kendall - Hamlet.



July 28, 2023 at 11:12 PM

BB

“ As a neighbor, Ms. Norma was highly respected by me. It was a pleasure to hear from her each morning by text. Her inspirational messages helped me faced the most challenges time of my life during the time of my illness. I always looked forward to each message each day to give me hope and inspired me to live life to its fullest.

Peace, Ms. Norma and I know that God got you!!

Love ya,

B. Bearden

Beverly Bearden - July 28, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ Norma was always considered a sibling. We all have fond memories of spending summer vacation at her home in South Oropouche. After Auntie Ju died, she was welcomed with open arms when she came to live with us in Woodbrook, while attending SAGHS. Over the years Norma kept in touch with us and she will be dearly missed.



Andre Warner - July 27, 2023 at 05:27 PM

SJ

“ Silas Frazier Jr. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Norma Kendall - Hamlet.



Silas Frazier Jr. - July 27, 2023 at 08:43 AM

SJ

“ Silas Frazier Jr. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norma Kendall - Hamlet.

Silas Frazier Jr. - July 27, 2023 at 08:43 AM

YM

“ Condolences to the family from Atlanta Montego Bay Sister Cities. May God grant you Peace during this time. We will continue to pray for you.

Yvonne Smith, M.D - July 26, 2023 at 11:03 AM

HM

“ Sending healing prayers, love and thoughts to the Hamlet family during this time of transition. Celebrate a life well-lived
Peace and Blessings
Sent on behalf of the Board and Members of Trinidad and Tobago Association of Georgia
Hazel Mitchell
President

Hazel Mitchell - July 24, 2023 at 10:56 PM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to Aunty Norma Family. Rest in peace 🙏
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Jenny Sookoo - July 24, 2023 at 09:51 PM

JP

“ May. God comfort you and the family at this time You are all in my prays.
Joyce and Mabel

Joyce Phillips - July 22, 2023 at 03:32 PM

GA

“ Condolences and prayers to Wayne and Gail. We were neighbors growing up on Topaz. Although a long time ago I do remember your mom’s generosity in allowing me to practice on her piano since we didn’t have our own but I was taking lessons anyway. When we reconnected years after moving to the states she would often send positive messages and scriptures via Facebook Messenger. I appreciated her influence as part of my “village”. R.I.P. Mrs Hamlet

Gizelle Anatol-Robinson - July 21, 2023 at 10:59 PM

ED

“ Deepest condolences to Norma’s family. Sleep on In Eternal Peace.

Emerald Derrick - July 21, 2023 at 04:47 PM

LB

“ Norma we will miss you dearly.
Rest in peace.

Lenore Bart - July 20, 2023 at 04:52 PM

HS

“ In appreciation of your gifts to our Community of your Care, Time and Commitment. Rest eternally Norma. You’ve earned it.



Hazel Saigo-Valentine - July 20, 2023 at 04:27 PM

NI

“ 3 files added to the album Auntie Norma Tribute Wall



Nicole - July 19, 2023 at 09:31 AM

AS

“ Sincerest Condolences to Gail ,Wayne and The family from The Forde-Sylvester Family .Aunty Norma was one of GREAT Ones ,working with my mom at PTSC We had the pleasure to Grow up with her Constant words of Wisdom and Upliftment she will be sorely missed. Our prayers go out to you Praying for Strength and Faith at this time.

Amanda Sylvester - July 18, 2023 at 10:45 PM

PV

“ Norma and I worked together in the 70's, at Public Transport Service Corporation in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. She was very supportive and friendly.

Petra Gomez nee Villafana - July 18, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *“ Lover of Life ...Giver of Hope Giant of a woman. Mom, aunty,sister caregiver, friend Dear Norma Jean (our inside joke) we will miss you... enjoy the rest of your journey.*



Gillian Charles - July 17, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *I will always remember Norma as very caring and loving Thinking of the other person . I offer my sincerest condolences to her children Wayne and Gail, and other relatives. Hyacinth Fenty (Auntie Carl).*

Hyacinth Fenty (Auntie Carl) - July 17, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Norma Kendall - Hamlet.*



July 17, 2023 at 09:49 AM

NI

“ *If the measure of a soul is by reach and impact to others, there is no question to Aunty Norma's greatness. I'm not sure the word "stranger" was ever part of her vocabulary - from the time she met me, or really anyone introduced, it was a fast path to friends & family. From the beginning, as a college student in Atlanta from Trinidad over 24yrs ago, her consistent generosity and openness helped shape me into the person I am today.*

Aunty Norma - words here will only shadow my appreciation for your support, patience, devotion and love towards me and my own family. You will be missed.

To Wayne, Gale & the immediate family, my deepest condolences.

Nigel - July 16, 2023 at 07:40 PM

NI

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Nigel - July 16, 2023 at 07:01 PM

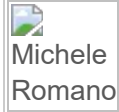


Michele
Romano

“ *Thanksgiving 2021 at Chateaux Michèle*



Michele Romano - July 15, 2023 at 06:00 PM



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Romano

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Mamasita 🙏 Love you 🥺

Michele Romano - July 15, 2023 at 10:41 PM



MH

Condolences to Norma family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Martha Hinkson - July 16, 2023 at 02:27 PM



BB

Thanks for the time together as volunteers on the Sister Cities Committees of Port of Spain and Atlanta. My heartfelt condolences go out to the family.

Bryce Bonaparte - July 24, 2023 at 07:53 AM