



We Will Remember Her

*In the rising of the sun and its going down
We will remember her.*

*In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of Winter
We will remember her.*

*In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of Spring
We will remember her.*

*In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of Summer
We will remember her.*

*In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of Autumn
We will remember her.*

*In the beginning of the year and when it ends
We will remember her.*

*When we are weary and in need of strength
We will remember her.*

*When we are lost and sick at heart
We will remember her.*

*When we have joys we yearn to share
We will remember her.*

*So long as we live, she too shall live,
For she is now part of us, as we remember **Trudy**.*

Acknowledgments

The Family of the late **TRUDY FRANCIS** wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for all the loving, thoughtfulness and concern: including cards, phone calls, visits, your presence and especially your prayers. May God bless each of you, may his peace be with you always.

Peace and Love,
The Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:


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A Celebration of Life



Trudy Francis

SUNRISE: JUNE 18, 1925 - SUNSET: JUNE 1, 2024

Funeral Mass

Tuesday June 18, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.

THE PARISH OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

211 West 141st Street • New York, NY 10030

FATHER WILLIAM KLAVER, Pastor

FATHER BENEDICT OHANGA, Celebrant

DR. BRVON NEAL, Musician

Interment

CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Calverton, New York

Order of Service

GATHERING HYMN MUSICAL MEDLEY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “AMAZING GRACE”

PLACING OF THE PALL

FIRST READING

OLD TESTAMENT: DANIEL 12: 1-3 TRINA BRINKLEY

SECOND READING

NEW TESTAMENT: 1ST CORINTHIANS 13: 4-13 EDDIE SMITH

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS PREPARED BY THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY HYMN “PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND”
TYNIA CANADA

COMMUNION HYMN “LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER”

COMMUNION MEDITATION SONG “HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”
JACKIE ROWE ADAMS

OBITUARY PORTIA JOHNSON

REFLECTIONS TAJ RICHARDS

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE STEPHANIE FRANCIS
NATALIE SHANNON JACKSON

RECESSIONAL “I’LL FLY AWAY”

Obituary

MRS. TRUDY FRANCIS was born in Gough, Georgia to proud parents, George and Anlie Gordon on June 18, 1925. She was one of three children. Trudy moved to Harlem, New York and graduated Julia Richman High School.

Trudy met John Francis at the local ice cream parlor. They married in 1948 and from that union came four children: Stephanie Elizabeth, Natalie Agnes, John Anthony, and Leslie Marie.

She was employed by the New York City Board of Education as a School Aide for over 15 years. Trudy was a wonderful mother and homemaker. She instilled her love of education in her children who all graduated college. Trudy loved and supported the arts; dance, piano, plays and everything cultural.

A devoted catholic, Trudy was a member of St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church. She also enjoyed attending churches of all denominations. She later joined St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Her love for travel took her to Europe and many Caribbean islands including Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados; and all over the United States.

Trudy was a well-known icon in her community. She loved to socialize with and talk to her neighbors. She loved to spend time at the Canaan Senior Center and Food Bank Senior center in Harlem with Charles and “the crew.” Once you conversed with Mom she “knew and loved you”.

The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of Lloyd Williams and Voza Rivers honored Trudy as ‘Godmother of the Year’. She was a revered supporter and participant in HARLEM WEEK events during its 50 year history.

She is preceded in death by her brothers, Benjamin and Philip “Buddy” Gordon. Trudy is survived by her four children; Stephanie, Natalie, John and Leslie. She showered love and affection on her grandchildren; Sunday, Talkeye, Tiara, Taj, Jaize, Julian and Jaylin. Her great grandchildren; Hendrix and Lynx. A host of nieces and nephews; Denise, Gerald “Gerry” and Preston and Andrea. Her great nieces and nephews; Brittany, Dominique, Joi, Justine, Hudson.

We Praise God for a life well lived.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family