

In Loving Memory of
Cynthia L. Smith-Venzen

Sunrise
November 6, 1941

Sunset
December 20, 2011



Service

Thursday, December 29, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

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Obituary

Cynthia Louise Smith was born on November 6, 1941. The second child, first daughter, born to her parents Lawrence Smith, Sr. and Beulah Samuel Smith in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

While growing up in St. Croix, Cynthia received her education in the Catholic School system. Somewhere down the road, Cynthia moved to St. Thomas to seek employment. There is where Cynthia worked at a factory, for several years, manufacturing watches. In 1963 she met and married Coolridge Venzen. Several years later, they moved to New York City where she sought to make a better life for herself and her family.

A few years later, Cynthia was employed by Salem Home Care Services, as a Home Health Aide, until she became ill with diabetes by which she eventually lost sight in her eyes, one eye at a time until total blindness in 2009. Since then, Cynthia has had an uphill battle with this disease of diabetes until her sunset, her transition from this life to eternity.

Cynthia, affectionately called “MA” by all who knew her. Cynthia’s love of and for life was filled with her passion and love for dancing, listening to Calypso music and cooking. MA also loved going back home to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Island for Carnival, Yes her love for music and dance. Most importantly, the closest things to her heart were her children and grandchildren. MA was encouraging, kind, selfless and had a warm sense of humor. One of her favorite phrases was "And You Know It." (smile)

Cynthia Louise Smith-Venzen leaves to cherish her memories: her sons and daughters, Menuin Herbert, Lorelie Lynch Clarke, Jennifer Stanley, Hubert Stanley, Deborah Gibson, Linnel Hercules, Lionel Swan, Calvin Venzen, Charlene Venzen, Cleave Venzen and Wandell Littles, twenty-nine grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; one daughter-in-law; two sons-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, her goddaughter and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer Louise Johnson

Scripture Readings

Old Testament 27th Psalm Alnando

New Testament Romans 8:28-39

Musical Selection Melinda Lucas

Obituary Menuin Herbert

Reflections Family and Friends

Inspirational Musical Selection Melinda Lucas

Eulogy Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann Sr.

Final Viewing

Committal

Benediction

Interment

Forest Green Memorial Park Cemetery
Morganville, New Jersey



Opening Prayer

Let Us Pray: Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ the Source of all mercy and the God of all Consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God. And let everyone say "Thanks Be To God"

*O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today **Cynthia Louise Smith-Venzen**. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our life's journey. In your boundless compassion console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. And let the people say, Amen.*

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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