



*In Loving Memory  
And  
Celebration of New Beginnings*

*Celia S. Joseph*

**Sunrise**  
*November 17, 1949*

**Sunset**  
*February 12, 2014*



*Service*

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, New Jersey

**Pastor Vincent Thomas, Officiating**  
**Linden Jones, Organist**



## Obituary

**Celia Sylvia Joseph**, 64, of Maplewood, New Jersey, passed away on February 12, 2014. Celia was born in Trinidad, on November 17, 1949. She graduated from Diego Martin Central and continued on to receive her Nursing Degree from Port-of-Spain General Hospital.

Celia, married to Alfred Joseph on October 28, 1977; they were married for seventeen years and their union blessed them with one daughter, Chanelle, a remarkable young woman.

Celia worked as a registered nurse for Newark Beth Israel Medical Center - Beth Prime Care for twenty years.

Celia loved entertaining, she threw some of the best parties. Anyone who knew Celia would not miss out on one of her many celebrations. Celia loved shopping and she was one of the most well dressed, a unique individual, one of a kind. Celia was not only a fashionista but she maintained a decorative flair for home and garden. She was also actively involved in the Good Shepard Parish and in the Williams/Elsman Terrace Block Association.

As an aunt, she was the one person who could reason with her nieces and nephews by providing good advice, and a stern talking with guidance. When your heart was hurting she always had the right words to make the pain go away. Her love and compassion remains a sustaining strength to this family. We love the woman she was. She gave selflessly to everyone she met. It's because of people like her the world is a much brighter place.

Her siblings described her as a beautiful person inside and out. She was an open, honest, truthful, and loving sister. She always had your back. She will be greatly missed and loved forever.

Celia wanted the following said about her; loving, kind, generous to a fault; a true friend, helpful, inspiring, caring, loving mother, aunt, sister and dependable.

Celia is survived by her brothers, Neville Lewis, Bernard Lewis, Eugene Lewis, and sisters, Joyce Barthelemy, Monica Sargeant, Germaine LeVasseur and Roslyn Stewart; daughter, Chanelle; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Celia is preceded in death by Conrad and Eugenia Lewis (parents), Muriel Phillip (sister), Victor Lewis (brother), and Curtis Philemon and Troy Stewart (nephews).

# *Order of Service*

Opening Hymn ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... Tyler Hoppin

New Testament ..... Morgan Lord

Selection ..... “What A Mighty God We Serve”

Praise Dancers ..... Bethesda Baptist Congregation

Remarks ..... 2 Minutes Please

Obituary/Acknowledgement ..... Luann Phillip

Video Presentation ..... Christian Philemon  
“Goodbye -Good Friend” Howard Hewett

Eulogy ..... Pastor Vincent Thomas

Recessional

**Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

## *Psalm 23*

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Celia Sylvia Joseph** wishes to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the support and thoughtful condolences during a very difficult time. For many of us who spent time with Celia, an empty place is now left in our hearts, by her passing. However, we know that she has started a new beginning, and is in a better place, a place where she is finally at rest. For the family, it has been such a comfort to have your love, your caring and your kindness, more now than ever. It has been an amazing experience for all of us, to hear the many stories and share our memories of Celia. It just shows that she meant so much to so many of us. We all thank you for being here with us through this difficult time. Your words of comfort and love are deeply appreciated. May God continue to bless and bestow His grace upon each one of you.

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