

*A Celebration of Life For*  
*Francina Ann Neils*



**Sunrise**  
*March 7, 1943*

**Sunset**  
*December 25, 2015*

*Tuesday, December 29, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.*

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLEWOOD**  
**113 Engle Street • Englewood, New Jersey 07631**  
*Rev. Dr. William H. Allport, II, Officiating*

## Obituary

The world was blessed with **Francina Ann Neils** on March 7, 1943 in Georgetown, Guyana to the late Lionel Lampley and the late Eileen Erskine. Francina and her siblings, (Kent and the late Errol Erskine) were raised by her grandparents, Rosa Isabella Lampley and Ceril Lampley.

Francina grew up in Albouystown, Guyana and eventually moved to East Ruimveldt. She attended Brickdam Cathedral Catholic Church. After graduating Chattum High School, Francina attended Georgetown Hospital Training School for Nursing where she met her future husband, Clinton Neils. She completed her Register Nurse training in 1964.

In 1969, she moved to the Manhattan, New York and was married the same year. From this union, two children were born, Collette and Clinton Owen.

Francina earned her Bachelor's Degree in Public Health and Health Administration from St Joseph's College, and further earned her Master's Degree in Public Health from Hunter College.

Francina retired after 35 years of service for Montefiore Affiliation as head nurse of Med Surge Clinic, 2H and Supervisor at Home Care. She received many accolades including the NYC Mayor's Award and the Montefiore Presidents Award for her Research Studies in Breast Cancer Awareness with Minority Women.

Francina enjoyed doing community service through several organizations. She was a founding member of the Caribbean American Nurses Association for the Bronx, Manhattan and Westchester chapter, a member of the North Central Bronx Auxiliary Association, a member of the New York State Nurses Association and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Shawl Ministry. In July 2011, in conjunction with the Caribbean American Nurses Association, she went on a Humanitarian Mission to Guyana, South America.

Around 2005, Francina became a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She enjoyed hearing the word of God and her favorite scripture passage was 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

Francina passed on December 25, 2015 on Christmas Day at the age of 72. She leaves behind: her daughter and son, Collette and Clinton Owen, daughter-in-law, Heidi, brothers, Kent and Melvin, sisters, Kathy and Betty, Aunt Elma, "Sister", Yvonne, beloved grandchildren, Christian, Annele and Leah and a host of other nieces, nephews, family and friends.

She loved to take care of and play with her grandchildren. She was a beautiful, kind, sweet and caring person. She loved belly dancing, dancing to salsa, listening to music, traveling, cooking, yoga, tai-chi, and taking care of others. She touched so many lives.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Francina will be solely missed by family and friends, but the spirit of an awesome woman will live forever in the hearts of those whose lives she touched.

Lovingly submitted by,  
Collette and Clinton Owen

# Order of Service

Prelude

The Opening Anthems

The Collects

The First Lesson

A Psalm

The Second Lesson

A Psalm

The Gospel

A Poem, *The Dash*, by Linda Ellis

The Reading of the Obituary

Remembrances

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

The Prayers

Hymn

The Commendation

The Peace

Hymn

The Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

## **Interment**

George Washington Memorial Park  
Paramus, New Jersey

*-Author Unknown-*

Don't cry for me,  
now that I am free.  
Just look around anywhere,  
and that is where I'll be.

For I am the daylight,  
when the sun starts to rise.

I'm the bright rainbow,  
you see with your eyes.

I'm the tiny raindrops,  
that sprinkle in the wind.

I'll always be here with you,  
for there really is no end.

I'm the dew that's on the ground, and the quietness all around.

Yes, I am so very happy,  
with this new life I have found.

I'm the peaceful Christmas breeze, that flows softly through the trees.

I'm the bluebird in the sky,  
that sings with such ease.

Yes, I am so very happy,  
so happy to be free.

Understand my family and friends and don't you cry for me.

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Francina Ann Neils** is grateful to all who have helped to share with us in this time of sorrow. Words can never express our deep sense of gratitude and rending of your many kind deeds. We pray that God will bless all of you for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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