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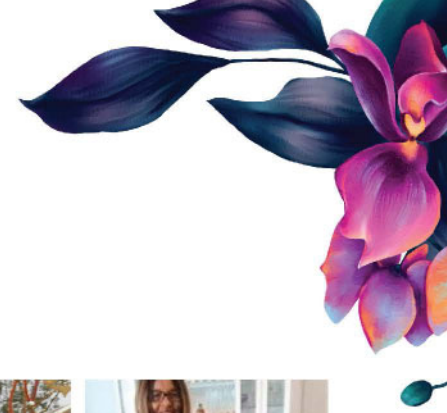
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Yvonne Marilyn Francis-Moore

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 2024 AT 10AM
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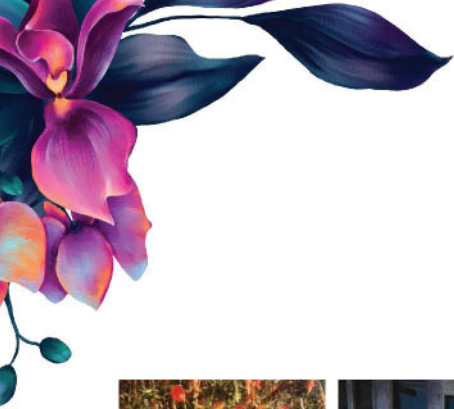
OBITUARY

Yvonne Marilyn Francis-Moore, born in Nassau, Bahamas, to Nathaniel Francis and Mary Simmons, passed away in Fort Worth, Texas, leaving a profound impact on the lives she touched. A cherished mother, dedicated grandmother, and friend, Yvonne embodied the compassionate example of Christ, radiating love, kindness, and generosity.

In the 1970s, Yvonne ventured to the U.S., where she crafted a beautiful life in Los Angeles with her daughter, Olivea. Yvonne loved finance and was a loyal member of the Cleveland Chiropractic College Los Angeles family from 1981 until her retirement in 2012. Yvonne's frequent travels home to the Bahamas reflected her deep connection with family, especially her force-of-nature mother, Mary "Mama", adoring siblings, nephews, and nieces.

Yvonne was a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend to many. She was known for her kind and gentle nature, as well as her unwavering love for her family. Yvonne's compassionate spirit and generous heart touched many lives. In addition to being a devoted mother, Yvonne was a dedicated friend who always put the needs of others before her own. Her selfless acts of kindness and willingness to help those in need made a lasting impact on everyone she encountered. Yvonne's love for life and her warm personality will be remembered and cherished by all who knew her.





She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and compassion that will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

A memorial service to celebrate Yvonne's life will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to the Yvonne Moore Memorial Fund at Cleveland University-Kansas City online at give.cleveland.edu/donate-now or mailed to Cleveland University-Kansas City, 10850 Lowell Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66210, with the notation: Yvonne Moore Memorial Fund. Checks should be made payable to the CUKC Foundation.



Yvonne is survived by her loving daughter, Olivea Holley, her devoted son-in-law, Duriel Holley, and her greatest blessing, grandson Easton Holley.

Siblings

Russell and Anna Strachan, Dudley "Teddy" Symonette

Pre-deceased by her parents

Nathaniel Francis and Mary Simmons, and by her sister, Winnie Beneby, her brother, Nelson Francis, and her sister-in-law, Hedry Symonette

Adopted Siblings

Dr. Larry Sands, Trevor Sands (Kathy Ingraham), Terah Rahming, Ellen Michaelson, Ghen "Princess" (Bennett) Guillory, Marilyn Beaubien, Art (Maury) Francis, Mary (Frank) Becker, and Gail Taylor



Cousins

Richard and Cynthia Gibbs; Shirley Smith and Family; Daphnee Seecharran; Annamae Fox; Maria Johnson; Sandra Johnson; Clifford and Marjorie Johnson; Villann Johnson; Veronica Francis Farrish; Judith Hope; Ear, Betty Jane, and Deborah Smith; Joseph Mobley; Marilyn Smith; Denise, Dennis, John Jr., Bootsy, James, Bryan, and Reece Simmons; Eustace Penn; Delores Collier and Family; Frank, Mike, Dophnee, Paul, and Jeffrey Simmons; Maude Henry; Beau Outten; Fontella, Gloria, Caressa, Omar, Shawn, and Bianca Hall; Joan Saunders; Helen Simmons; Mildren Johnson; many members of the Simmons and Francis Families too numerous to name

Special Friends

Marqueta Collie; Dora Bethel; Charise Hepburn; the Rahming Family; the Hanna Family; Bishop Helen McPhee and Family; Jenie Gibson; Clara Campbell; Dorothy Jean "DJ" and Paul Healey; Shannon and Damien Ydoyaga; Clifford "Ray" and Loretta Holley; Kennieth and Pat Brown; Margaret Kelly; Priscilla Edwards; Linda Carnavele; Daisy Joseph; Maria Forbes; Monalisa Hanna; Alrich Williams; Steven Coakley; Vanria Woodside; Abe Cole; Gaylean Maynard; Ann and Jim Polk; Juanita Presley; Vanria Woodside; Walter (Irene) Nktobu





Adopted Mother

Althea V. Sands

Nieces and Nephews

Fayette and Cade Darling Sr. Patrice; David and Russell Strachan; Lisal (Garlon) Rolle; Jeffrey (Rose) Pratt; Delone, Chewuakii, Kenrix (Alison), and Trevino (Samantha) Symonette; Darrell Francis-Cox; Roimon (Alicia) Francis-Hepburn; Matthew (Corie) Michaelson; Dane Ericsson; Anson and Elan Francis; Lauren, Ebony, Jason, Kenyatta, Simon, and Simone Beneby; Samara and Kraunein Nixon; Angie (Jonathan) Narin; Anthony (Ambrosian) Thompson; Michael Ingraham; Tina Thompson and Cedric McClellon; Jonathan Thurston Jr; Uriel Pratt; Patrice (Chavan) Robinson; Jackie McPhee; Shantice McPhee-Duncombe; Ashanti Brown-Daniels; Kirine Garland; Angie Harris; Avado Malcom; Franklyn Seecharran; Ian Demeritte; Monica Adams; Tina Gibson; Kaylesa (Kevin) Simmons; Renee Barnett; Kevin and Keva Gibbs; Asteen Rolle; Ambre and Anson Sands; Wesley Burnette; Niki Taylor; Rod Jr., Jason, and Reneta Best



Grand Nieces & Nephews

Celeste (Carlton) and Charis Clarke; Crystal (Don) Sargent; Cade Jr. and Fayth Darling; Daveia, Davette, Shaniece, Shazia, Shazette, Chance, Nadia, and Justin Strachan; Taneil and Tamika Gibson; Cody, Courtney, Kobe, Kali, Kianna, Summer, and Ava Symonette; Daylan Deal; Dashia and Winter Forbes; Kaden and Karter Love; Rayven Danage; Christian Hollo; Clara and Magnus Anderson; Aarius Jones; Antonio Shaw



Cleveland Chiropractic Family

Karen Best and Family, the Cleveland Family, Dale Marrant, Roberto Jumamoy, Julie Siller, Jake Salas, Leo Ceniza, Gilda Ceniza, Kim and Ada Morris, Felicia Jones, Dr. Laurine Crawford, Dr. Edith Haynes, Dr. Edwin Follick, Dr. Richard Nelson, Dr. Cecelia Anderson, Dr. Carol Claus, Dr. Assibi Abudu, Dr. Terri White, Marla Cope, and Dr. Miriam Kahan among many others

Bonus Daughters

Yodeski Acquie, Helena Hollo, Tiakita Willie, Jennifer Vaughan, Meshia (Dwight) Williams, Anne Marie Wilson, Adriane Turnipseed, Kerstin Anderson, Rhonda Hall, Nikki Hladick, and Amber Gosney



Yvonne's departure leaves a void, but her legacy of love and compassion will forever resonate. May she rest in peace, and may her spirit continue to inspire and bring solace to those who mourn her loss.

Your legacy lives on in your beloved grandson Easton. Thank you for helping us to raise him. I see the light that lived in you, in Easton's eyes and heart. Rest well with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Mama, and Nelson. I will see you again.

Love Mommy's Little Phetee

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DJ, I couldn't have done this without you. Thanks for coming to EVERY doctor's appointment, advocating and taking notes, cooking her food, running her errands, and over all being a phenomenal friend to all of us. Thank you to everyone who called, sent a text, What's App, and sent messages on social media, even if I didn't respond I saw each one. A special thank you to Aunt Cynthia, Aunt Annamay, Patrice, Faye, and Keva who planned this beautiful service.

Lastly I need to thank my husband D. My mother loved you so, the answer to so many of her prayers. No mother-in-law ever loved a son-in-law more. Thank you for inviting my mother to live in Texas, and caring for her the special way only you could do. You are my rock, I love you to the moon and back.

It was just the two of us for so long. We talked every day, no matter what. A part of my heart is gone. I truly don't know how to do this without you. I thank you for all of the life lessons you imparted into my soul, and I will use them to carry on. You were the epitome of love and class, my very own pearl wearing fashion icon. You cared for everyone you encountered and your generosity knew no bounds. You had the sharpest tongue and quickest wit that most didn't even know when you insulted them. You met folks where they were, never judged, and because of that everyone strived to be the best version of themselves around you.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude: "Precious Lord Take My Hand" to the Entrance of Family

Call to Worship: Bishop Helen McPhee

Opening Prayer

1st Congregational Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

Old Testament Reading: "Psalms 27" - Cynthia Gibbs

Reflections:

Patrice Strachan

Darrell Cox

Angie Narin

Chewakki Symonette

Fayette Darling

Yodeski Acquie

Terah Rahming

Special Music: Darling Quartet

New Testament Reading: "1 Corinthians 15:50-58" - Villann Johnson

Tribute: Duriel "D" Holley

Eulogy: Pastor Emeritus Bishop Helen McPhee

Prayers for the Family: Trevor Sands

Recessional Hymn: "Heaven's Jubilee"



HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Dr. Larry Sands
Trevor Sands
John Thurston Jr.
Walter Nkembe
Cade Darling
Dale Marrant
Art Francis

TRIBUTES

Art Francis

It has been my honor and privilege to have known such an incredible person as Yvonne Moore. Yvonne was part of my life when I first arrived in California. It was Terah Rahming that introduced me to her and shortly after that Princess arrived and then Marilyn arrived and we all hung out together as brother and sisters. Yvonne was one of those people that you can bank on whatever she said. Her word was good as gold. I was privileged to have been at her bedside when she passed. It was one of the most amazing experiences I've ever had, to see her transition from this life to the next I will always be grateful to have known her and to have spent so much time with her. She is my sister for life. Olivea is my niece that I will cherish and take care of. I love this family from the bottom of my heart. Words cannot express the depth of my feelings.



THANK YOU

On behalf of our entire family, I would like to thank you all for being here and sharing in this final memorial to my mother. To her beloved brothers, she loved you all dearly. Y'all were thick as thieves, and always had each other's back. To her nieces and nephews, she cherished each and every single one of you. Thanks for opening up her heart for my grand arrival. My mother had the best friends anyone could ask for. Thank you for loving and appreciating her. I know I have all of you to turn to moving forward.

I would be remiss not to thank a few people who helped me a great deal in the last month of my mother's life. A special thank you to Patrice, Art, Princess, Marilyn, Terah, and Jennifer who dropped everything to fly out to Texas to be there with me and my mother in her final moments. Thank you to the Ydoyaga Family who watched Easton and moved EVERYTHING so quickly. Thank you to Ki Ki and Yo Yo who helped to make her final wishes clear. Cedric and Tina for making the drive multiple times just to be with her. Matt and Corie for being there and consoling me. Nicole and Chris who tried to keep a smile on my face at the bleakest of times and entertain everyone. Thank you to Mesha and Dwight who made sure I was never alone, fed me, cleaned my house, entertained my family, and watched over my mother like she was their own.

I remember feeling really sad at your farewell party in South Beach the night before you left Nassau to "move away" to live in California! I was always proud to tell people I had a sister living in California! A few years later I finally got the opportunity to visit you there. You made sure that I had the time of my life.

Throughout the years whenever you would come to visit you brought something for everyone...every time. That is the essence of who you were...always giving, always loving! We were frequently reminded that your mission in life was to make certain that everyone else was ok!

I recall how overjoyed we all were when we you informed us that you were pregnant with Olivea! I was going to be an uncle.

During my good times and bad times you were always there for me. Never judgmental, always offering an encouraging word or a helping hand.

In recent years we got closer especially after you moved to Texas. Thanks to WhatsApp we were able talk much more often. I will continue miss you immensely....your voice, your smile, your style, your loving heart. I will never forget you!

Farewell big sis!



Princess Ghen Guillory

Everyone should have a friend like you. You who have been there for us through thick and thin for us all - friends and family alike. We shared laughter, tears and everything in between. Yvonne, you were the one who was always there to put the pieces back together. The one who supported us through loss, heartbreak and celebrated our every win - big and small!! The one who took our bad days and turned them into amazing nights. The one who reminded us of who we really were and the love that we truly deserved!! The one who was up for all our silly shenanigans just for the fun of it!! You came into our lives and definitely made it better through your generosity, your kindness and your nonjudgmental spirit. Thanks for indulging me with my fondness for the classics. Who knew you loved Porcini and foreign films? That was our secret. Who knew you knew so much about sports? Thank God you liked the Lakers and "God help The Clippers" as you often said just to appease me!! Thanks for the fun and the laughter right to your bitter end!! I will miss our many hour long conversations, your kindness, your generosity and most of all, your love.

Your ride and die,

With huge love and gratitude to have been your friend, Your sister





Damien and Shannon Ydoyaga


In moments of great loss, words often fail to capture the depth of our emotions. The passing of Yvonne has left a void that is felt by all who had the privilege of knowing her, and we can only scarcely imagine the sorrow you now carry. In these trying times, we hope to extend not just our words, but our deepest empathy and unwavering support.

Yvonne's spirit was a rare find; her warmth, generosity, and nurturing touch enriched every life she touched. She epitomized the essence of motherhood and left indelible marks of love on her family. You and Easton are living tributes to her exceptional ability to fill a home with love, and her success as a mother is so vividly reflected in your grace and strength.

The loss of a parent is a deeply personal and life-changing experience, one that we have sadly shared. The emptiness it leaves is profound. Yet, we find solace in conversing with them in our hearts, sharing life's triumphs and trials as if they were still here. This invisible thread of connection keeps the precious memories alive, a silent dialogue that continues to guide and comfort us. We hope you, too, will find peace in these inner conversations with Yvonne, as they are a testament to the unbreakable bond you share.

Please remember, in the quietest of moments when the weight of grief seems unbearable, you are not alone. Your pain echoes through the hearts of those around you, and we are here, ever ready to provide a listening ear, a word of solace, or a silent presence in your time of need. Hand in hand, we walk through this time of mourning with you, finding solace in the exquisite mosaic of love and memories that Yvonne crafted, which will now and forever unite us in her lasting honor.

With heartfelt sympathy and love



Aunt Michaelson

Yvonne and I met when we had apartments next to each other. And she was driving a lime green Gremlin! Yvonne was always fastidious about her appearance. More than once I commented that she was lucky she could wear many different styles.

Yvonne told me about her childhood in the Bahamas. I particularly remember that Yvonne's brothers would pay her to listen to baseball games on the radio and tell them about the game when they got home. Yvonne was their personal Vin Scully. Yvonne's heart and mind were never far from the Bahamas and her family. She spent her vacations going back to the Bahamas always generously bringing gifts. Of course, it worked both ways because Yvonne brought back good Bahamian food.

I knew Yvonne for more than 45 years. We were there for each other, providing physical and emotional support. Yvonne's passing has left a void in my life. I will always love and miss her.

Trevor Sands

To my 'big sister' Yvonne,

I will forever have the fondest memories of you... You became an integral part of my life when you adopted our family when I was about 6 or 7 years old....you became my big sister.

I recall visiting you while you attended Charron Williams College in Miami....You bought me gifts for good grades in primary school....imagine that! You always encouraged me to excel in my educational pursuits.



Marilyn Beaubien

Proverbs 31:10 says, "Who can find a virtuous woman? Her worth is far above rubies."

When I think Yvonne, I think of a virtuous woman, a woman of wisdom, a woman of generosity, a woman of courage, a woman of integrity, A woman of faith. I call Yvonne my big sister, My friend, my confident.

We've had over 40 years together as sisters, and there was never a moment that I doubted her friendship, doubted her integrity, or doubted her love. And I am so grateful that she was a part of my life. I met Yvonne when I first came to the United States. I should say when I first came to California to live in Los Angeles. She became someone very precious to me from the moment we met. And that friendship only got greater and deeper over time. What can I say about this virtuous woman? I've never met someone who is so integral. Whatever Yvonne said you could take it to the bank. When she committed to something, the commitment was firm, there was no wavering. And that I shall miss, because it's very rare to find someone so trustworthy. Over the years there have been many challenges in my life, in Yvonne's life, and in the lives of our family members around us. And I don't think I ever walked through any of them without Yvonne being a part of that walk.

Yvonne left LA five years ago to be with the two most important persons in her life, her daughter, and her grandson. She never looked back. She was where she wanted to be, and she flourished there. It was all about her amazing grandson! I am going to miss her presence. More than anything I am going to miss the solid foundation that she brought into every relationship. I am going to miss the smile. And I am going to miss the firm words that came when she thought they were needed. Most of all, I'm going to miss my sister, My friend, my confident and sometimes my prayer partner. We love you, Yvonne. We know where you are, and that is what brings me such joy. Knowing you are with our Father! Until we meet again, Enjoy what we are longing for, His presence! I love you, Sis. I love that you are enjoying total freedom and pure joy in His Presence! Have fun without me. I do plan to join you there one day!

Veronica Francis Farris

Yvonne was a wonderful loving cousin with great faith, hopes and aspirations. She inspired all those around her with love of life through positive actions, kindness and an effective graceful beautiful style that touch others.

I will miss our long conversations, always promising that we will call each other soon.

Love you Yvonne, my dear cousin and friend forever RIP

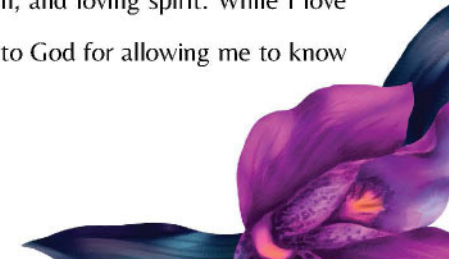
John Thurston Jr.

Aunt Yvonne you were such a wonderful soul, your kindness, generosity and selflessness inspires us all to be better people. You were taken from us too soon. I wish that I could have seen you one more time. I never imagined that our final meeting, would be the last time that I would see you. May God reward you in the ever-after for the life that you lived and the love that you gave us all.

Priscilla J. Edwards

Yvonne's warm, welcoming personality connected the two of us while on a cruise. From there we stayed connected, visited, and shared many long loving conversations from California to New York and Texas to Georgia. In her presence, you knew you were loved and capable of being your best authentic self. She had that effect on a person.

Yvonne is one of my favorite people in the whole world and the friend and grandmother I wish everyone could experience. I celebrate her kindness, authenticity, grace, optimism, wisdom, intuition, and loving spirit. While I love and will miss her dearly, I am so very thankful to God for allowing me to know such a beautiful soul.





DJ Healy

I have known Yvonne for around 5 years and in that short amount of time I have been amazed by her. Felt much love from her not just for me but for anyone. I could go on on about her and her family next door to me, all amazing. Trusted friends. The bond with her grandson cannot be overstated.

Yvonne taught me a lot (even at 70 years old). To be a better person. She restored my trust in Christians. She walked the walk and talked the talk. Her faith never waivers. Yvonne made me feel loved and appreciated every day. She told me often and sent me notes and when there was a question with her serious health issues, she told me more often. I love her and know so many love her. She will be missed.

Yvonne matched the bible verse about love, always kind, patient (1 Corinthians 13:4). One of my favorite things she used to tell me often and it helps....."Don't over think it". Maybe that will only mean something to me and it does.

I love the way she made me feel and I miss her.

Dr. Larry Sands

Oh my dear sister Yvonne. I will forever miss you. Your wonderful caring attitude. Your love of life and family. Your gracious smile and calm demeanor. We began this journey many years ago. Not sure how but we nurtured it over the years as though it began in childhood... We both shared in the joy of your life accomplishments. And we made sure that eh family tree grew as we extended individually... Yvonne as you now rest, be assured that I will continue our love of family and you will remain in my heart forever.



Karen Best

I met Yvonne in the Summer of 1981. Yvonne came to CCCLA as an Accountant Temp. She along with 3 tother temps were cleaning up the books of the previous accountant, and they had to have the books ready for the October Audit. After working with the temps for 3 weeks, Dr. Crawford, the Director of Finance, asked me which of the temps I thought could work with daily. Of the 3 temps, Mrs. Moore was the only one who said she was looking for a place to make a permanent home. Most people thought I picked her because she was black like me. Dr. Crawford loved the reasons and my explanations, and she offered the job to Mrs. Moore.

We became family from the very start. Mrs. Moore was more outgoing than I and quickly gathered friends from faculty, staff, bankers, auditors, and vendors. Mrs. Moore met my family (my late husband Roderick and my three children), and we, Yvonne, and Olivea became family. We spent Christmas together, countless dinners, talks, and all the things family do together. Yvonne fell right in with my Mother Ada Morris, my sister Kimberly Morris, and my son Jason Bet, who were all employed at CCCLA. To the last day of her breath, she arose from her sick bed to speak with my son Jason. She passed within hours of hearing his voice.

Yvonne and I talked for hours periodically, but in the last weeks she spoke life sayings. I let her know that Olive and Easton will be my charge. She was happy to hear me say that. If she could not be around, then Karen, as she would say, is the best alternative, and we smiled over the phone. Her last advice to me was, "Everyone was given a life to live, do not try to control that life, live your life as you have always and love others as they are." Good advice. 1John 4:7; Colossians 3:14, John 13:34-35

