



Anna Bernard

October 24, 1929 - July 6, 2017

Anna Bernard, 87, passed away on July 6, 2017. She was born on October 24, 1929 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, the 7th child of a family of 8 children; 4 girls and 4 boys.

In school Anna excelled in every area, especially languages. She attended the following schools in Port-Au-Prince: St. Trinity, École Caroline Chevreau, Lycée des Jeunes Filles and École de Secretariat where she graduated with a degree in Accounting, Stenography, Typing and other administrative skills.

As a young woman, she wanted to be of service to her community, learned Braille and taught at a school for blind children for 10 years.

In 1963, she embarked on a journey to the US. She joined her sisters, Carmen and Raymonde in NY, and was later joined by her sister, Lise. They initially lived in the Central Park West area of Manhattan near Riverside Park. She worked odd jobs after coming to the US until she learned English. She later moved to Brooklyn, and eventually went to work for TIAA CREF (a leading Fortune 100 financial retirement services company) in Manhattan where she worked as an Administrative Assistant. She was very highly regarded, rose through the ranks and later became Executive Assistant for the head of Global Human Resources. She retired from that position.

She loved to travel and visited many countries, especially Europe, expanding her love of languages.

Her plan was to return to Haiti when she retired. She purchased a house and some land, but it became clear it was not going to be possible to return due to

unrest in the country. So, she moved to the next place which had a similar climate, Florida. In 1991, she started the adventure to find a house in Broward County. She first found a house in Lauderdale Lakes in 1993, and then moved to Margate in 1997.

Anna had a beautiful voice and loved to sing. She had a love of poetry and books. The family will miss her poems, especially since she often wrote something special for the family for birthdays and special occasions. In fact, she wrote a poem entitled, "Le Bonheur" which she loved to recite. She enjoyed a variety of activities such as attending plays and concerts, movies and dinners, gardening and visits from friends and family. She truly enjoyed being surrounded by loved ones, telling stories and laughing.

Anna is survived by her 2 sisters, Carmen and Raymonde Bernard, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of sending flowers, the family requests a donation to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation

(www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org or 212-588-1580) in the name of Anna Bernard.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **14**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels
5980 West Oakland Park Blvd.
Lauderhill, FL 33313
(954) 484-1833
info@gracefuneralchapels.com
<https://www.gracefuneralchapels.com>

Funeral Service

JUL **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew Catholic Church
9950 NW 29th Street
Coral Springs, FL 33065

Entombment

JUL **15** (ET)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery
1500 S. State Road 7
North Lauderdale, FL 33068

Tribute Wall



“ *Anna Bernard*

October 06, 2023 at 12:11 AM