



Mrs. Dahlia B Madeira

August 5, 1959 - November 21, 2020

Dahlia B. Palmer was born on August 5th, 1959 in Maypen, Jamaica to Mavis James and Rudolph Palmer. She along with her 6 siblings primarily grew up in Effortville, affectionally known as “Farm”. She attended Maypen Primary, Zion Hill Elementary in Saint Mary, and Clarendon College. At a very young age she showed interest in politics. In her 20s she became very involved with the People’s National Party. Her contribution and dedication to the progression of Jamaica was displayed in her actions while being an active member of the PNP.

In 1980 she met Paul Madeira and they were married on July 22, 1981. Dahlia moved with her new husband to the USA shortly after where they would eventually set roots in South Florida. Being in a new country, Dahlia’s ambition pushed her into the medical field after a few years of working different jobs to make ends meet. While in Nursing school, she was selected to compete in numerous medical competitions. She would compete not only against students from other schools, but also against professionals. She did so well, she was selected by the state of Florida to compete in the National competition where she would place 2nd. She would later graduate from McFatter Technical College with her LPN license and begin her 30+ year career with Broward Convalescent Home, later to be named, Broward Nursing and Rehab Center.

In 1991 Paul and Dahlia bought their home in Melrose Park where she resided until her death. While living in Melrose she became a surrogate

mother for many of her two son's friends and was regarded to as Madooks or Ms. D. We will always remember the parties she would keep at her house when Paul left for his camping trips as epic. She would sit down and talk to anyone that wanted to chat on the front porch with her and came with good spirits. She especially loved to conversate about politics.

More than anything, Dahlia was always willing to help others in need. While struggling to take care of her own home and children, Dahlia continued to help her family in Jamaica. She would pack barrels every Christmas to make sure everyone that lived at her mother's house received something for the holidays. She would put numerous nieces and nephews through school while making sure her mother was taken care of. Dahlia also helped her friends and family in the states. She and Paul would open their home to any individual or family that needed a hand. We often would have people living with us and she never asked them for anything but to do better for themselves. Dahlia dedicated her life to helping others.

As she became older and grandchildren were born, she made them her top priority. She would always make sure they had everything they needed and wanted. They are her pride and joy! She would keep all of her friends informed on any small accomplishments they would make and would glow with love whenever she was with any of them. She would take flights to visit them even though she was terrified of planes. She potty trained them, taught them how to talk far earlier than anyone expected, and simply spent so much quality time with them that we would be so surprised with the changes they would have every time we got them back from a long visit with Grandma and Grandpa. With her the kids knew they had an ally.

Dahlia loved the simple things in life like, watching the excitement of her surroundings from the comfort of her front porch or a cruise with Paul in the Caribbean. She would take frequent trips to Bealles Outlet and would spoil the grandkids rotten allowing them to pick gifts for themselves. She loved to see her kids doing and looking good. Even at a young age she taught them to take pride in themselves no matter how much money they had or where they were

from. She loved to cook and her meals are well known throughout the bellies of her family and friends. She loved to be informed on what was going on in the world and wouldn't miss channel 7 news unless visiting with her family away from home.

Dahlia's accomplishments should be remembered as remarkable and motivate those that knew her to have goals for themselves and achieve them regardless of what they are. She and Paul made sure her children had a normal loving childhood. They set a foundation that their children had the opportunity to attend college and open their own businesses.

Dahlia's body will be laid to rest in Maypen, Jamaica on December 16th, 2020. She will be missed by her Husband, Children, Grandchildren, Siblings, Nieces, Nephews, In-Laws, Friends, and countless others that she has touched in her time with us. Heaven has truly gained an angel.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dahlia B Madeira*

October 06, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *I am sorry that I am not sure I ever met Dahlia (if I did it is lost in the mists of time!), but she sounds like she was a truly remarkable person. Paul, your family is in my prayers as you grieve her loss and we pray that God will give you great peace, and also hope, as you mourn her loss. Ann-Elise Madeira Grosser*

Ann-Elise Madeira Grosser - December 08, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Paul, Family, and Friends in the loss of your kind and loving Dahlia. Peace be with you.*

Cheryl Virgin - December 07, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. Dahlia is in the arms of Jesus and she will not be forgotten. She will be in my heart forever. Ms. Vickie - Broward Rehabilitation Center.*

Victoria Henry - December 06, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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“ Additional:

Dahlia, you touched many lives; but your greatest gifts were your love for family, your caring and sharing and you used these gifts wisely. This is what underpinned all your other wonderful attributes. Today is our chance to say "thank you" for the way you brightened our lives. Only now you are gone, do we truly appreciate what we are now without. Above all, we give thanks for the life of a woman we are so proud to be able to call our cousin: the unique, the extraordinary and irreplaceable Dahlia B. Madeira, whose memories will never be extinguished from our minds.

Paul, Casey, Jair and grandchildren, keep heart. May Dahlia's kindness, warmth and the love she extended to others enfold you. To the other family members, know that Dahlia has done her bit and she made her mark in the world.

We pray that the goodness that she wished for others, will one day come to pass for the entire world.

Dahlia, Sleep in Eternal Peace ... Well Done ... So long ... Farewell ...

Claudia Burnett - December 05, 2020 at 04:54 PM

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“ *Cousin Fifi's children - Burnett's Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Mrs. Dahlia B Madeira.*



Cousin Fifi's children - Burnett's Family - December 05, 2020 at 04:47 PM

“ TRIBUTE FOR OUR DEAR COUSIN ...

Dahlia B. Madeira

August 5, 1959 – November 21, 2020



*For Thy purpose Lord, we cannot see
But all is well that's done by Thee.*

On November 21, 2020, a good woman departed our shores. This tribute is from the children, (Andrew, Carol, Luto, Alleen and Wayne) of her dear Cousin, Albin Nora Burnett, (Fifi), who predeceased her. We have all despaired at our loss of November 21, 2020, when Dahlia passed. The blessed times we shared represents special memories that will remain in our hearts. We know God will take care of you up there – keep the Angels laughing. We will miss you very much. You were a gift from God to us, now you are a gift to God

Dahlia was our “big” cousin. Our summer holidays were mostly spent in May Pen. Our Mama had no reservations sending us to spend holiday breaks with our Grandmother (Aunt Lyn) and Aunt Mae (her Mom). Most of our days were spent with Dahlia and Coreen. We remember our trips to the Woolworth store and the cotton candies that she would buy for us.

From her engaging personality, to the life she brought to any gathering, there was an aura to our dear cousin that had her peers and family members flocking to her like a moth to a flame. The Dahlia we knew was engaging and witty... she would make jokes of our St. Ann parlance, in a way that would have us rolling over in laughter. Most notable about Dahlia was her ability to pull off pranks. We can remember a group of cousins sitting on the verandah and she used some green fabric (from Aunt Mae's sowing) to make what appeared to be a green lizard and while hiding threw it in our direction ... We can still hear the screams and then her hearty laughter. She did it in a way that forced the persons she tricked, to shower her with accolades. Our cousin made our

lives away from home eventful and memorable. Dahlia was at home with an audience of one or one hundred the number did not diminish the fervor with which she delivered her gimmick.

And here we come to another truth about Dahlia, she loved her community (Effortville, May Pen) and her community loved and respected her. Even during her high school years, Dahlia had no drawback at declaring and spreading her political beliefs. She was devoted to her political party. A memory that comes to mind is one night, when she came home extremely late from school, dressed in her Clarendon College uniform. She had to give an account to Aunt Mae why she was so late ... it was all stuttering. However, Aunt Mae had already got the news that she was with a group of her party supporters who were running with the then, Prime Minister, Hon. Michael Manley's "rod" ... similarly to how the Olympic Torch is passed from one place to another. Aunt Mae spared her from giving a story and she was reprimanded, but not punished. Her Mom knew she had immersed herself into politics from a tender age and gave her some leeway.

The most outstanding memory was Dahlia's and Paul's wedding, July 22, 1981. The preparation of food and the gathering started days ahead of the wedding. Looking back, it seemed ALL immediate and extended family members headed to May Pen for this special day. Apart from funerals, we do not believe there has ever been a larger family gathering, than this wedding. This was a wedding and family re-union. This speaks wonder – she was a beloved family member. Jovial, fun loving, the life of the party are all words which aptly describe the Dahlia we knew.

Our cousin was a voracious reader with an insatiable appetite for knowledge and one who was unyielding in her pursuit for self-actualization. When I was age 12, she gave me a book from her collection, "Fever Grass, by John Morris." A kind gesture I never forgot. My siblings have similar life lasting memories of our beloved cousin. We shared joyous moments. She was a good cousin and an inspiration. Her esteem and love will accompany us in every step and on every path.

Dahlia, you touched many lives; but your greatest gifts were your

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Claudia Burnett - December 05, 2020 at 04:30 PM

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“ I read the Obituary for Dahlia and oh how she lived in those words. Dahlia trained me as a new nurse to Broward Rehab close to 30 years ago. She was funny caring and smart. Condolences 💔 to Paul, the boys and the Family.

Lory Edwards - December 04, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dahlia B Madeira.



December 04, 2020 at 06:15 PM

JH

“ Paul, Jair, Casey & family,
I'm so sorry to hear of Dahlia's passing. It's still a little surreal. I'll always remember her warmth and kindness at church. The many meals she prepared and loaded up Paul with even when she was not in attendance. Her cow-foot was legendary. The pride she took in her family was admirable. I'm praying for your all. May her soul Rest-in-Peace. God bless you all.

Jannette, Brian & Chad.

Jannette Hamilton - December 04, 2020 at 09:37 AM



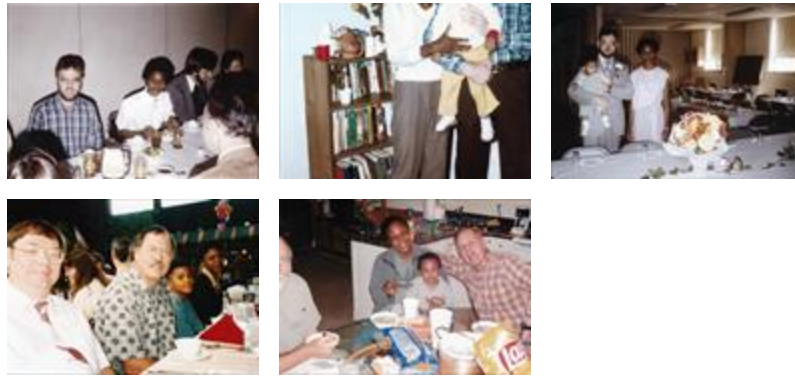
“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dahlia B Madeira.*



December 03, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ *57 files added to the album Pictures of Dahlia*



jairmadeira - December 03, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dahlia B Madeira.*



December 01, 2020 at 04:00 PM

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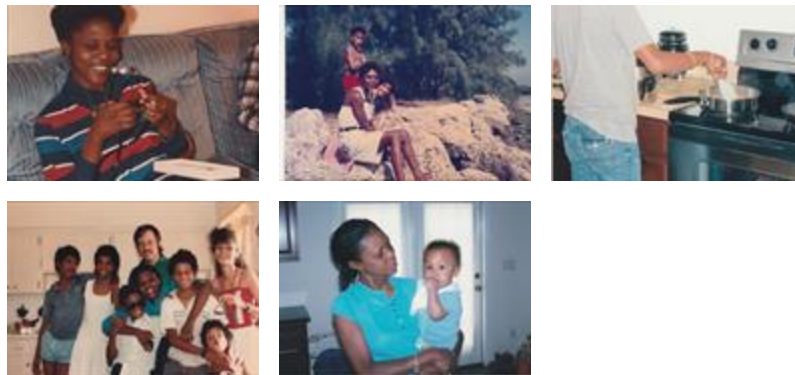
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jairmadeira - December 01, 2020 at 01:00 PM

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“ 13 files added to the album *Pictures of Dahlia*



jairmadeira - December 01, 2020 at 11:44 AM

JD

“ *My heart weighs so heavily at loss of this truly warm & generous person. Was an absolute pleasure and honor to have worked with her all these years at Broward. Warmest Regards to the family. Jane Davis Johnson*

Jane Davis - November 30, 2020 at 02:16 PM