CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out
the boundless deep.
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness
of farewell, When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne
of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

With Special Thanks

The Distant-Hansel family would like to thank all who have supported us throughout this very difficult time. Your cards, prayers and many acts of kindness continue to sustain us.
~The Family

Davis FUNERAL HOME

A Celebration of the Life of

Cherrita Distant-Hansel

November 28, 1953 † *January 3, 2023*



Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 12 Noon

Peoples Baptist Church of Boston

134 Camden Street, Boston, Massachusetts

Reverend Wesley A. Roberts, Ph.D., D.D., Pastor

Obituary

Cherrita Distant-Hansel was born in New York City November 28, 1953, a gift from the Lord to our lovely parents Doriea V. Distant and our father Herbert L. Distant. Cherrita grew up in Brooklyn New York where she excelled in grammar school and middle school in Ridgewood Queens.

After graduating from middle school, she attended high school at Frank K. Lane in Brooklyn New York. Upon graduating from high school Cherrita moved to Boston to continue her studies at Boston University majoring in education from 1971 to 1975. After graduating from Boston University Cherrita fulfilled her lifelong dream getting a position as a teacher and was hired by the Boston public school system where she worked for 36 years. During her tenure in the Boston school system, she mainly taught students in the special education program.

She was known as the teacher that loved all of her students and had the nicest bulletin boards. While still being a teacher she went back to school and received two master degrees one from Simmons University in Boston and if that wasn't enough she received a second Master's degree from Emmanuel College both pertaining to educational administration.

In 2011 Cherrita received an award with a select group of teachers for being one of the Boston public school systems teachers of the year. During all of these professional accomplishments Cherrita met Cecil Hansel fell in love and they were married on April 17, 1993, and one year later they were both blessed to have their first child born Cameron on September 19, 1994.

Three years after that they were blessed again and had their second child Christopher born June 13, 1997. Cherrita always put God and family first and always said that she loved her students and loved being an educator.

Cherrita was accepted into the membership of Peoples Baptist Church of Boston on May 6, 2012.

Cherrita leaves to mourn her passing a devoted husband, Cecil Hansel, her two sons Cameron and Christopher, a loving brother Herberto Distant and other family members and friends.

We know that Cherrita is in Heaven now and God is saying to her "job well done!"

Order of Service



Organ Prelude		Rev. Stephen Hunter
Processional		Clergy and Diaconate
Opening Hymn	*Blessed Assurance*	No. 508
Prayer of Comfort		Rev. Dr. Arthur Gerald
Scripture Readings		
Old Testament	*Psalm 23*	Cameron Hansel
New Testament	*John 14: 1-6*	Christopher Hansel
Musical Selection	*It Is Well With My Soul*	
Solo		Rev. Stephen Hunter
Remarks		Family and Friends
Obituary		Mr. Herberto Distant
Musical Selection	*Precious Lord*	Rev. Stephen Hunter
Eulogy		Rev. Dr. Wesley A. Roberts
Committal and Prayer		Rev. Dr. Wesley A. Roberts
Recessional	*I'll Fly Away*	