

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Marina Xavier

17th February, 1935 - 17th December, 2024

Sunday, 29th December 2024

OBITUARY

Today, we gather not to mourn Marina Xavier's passing, but to celebrate her life, her presence, and all that made her special to us.

Marina was born on February 17th, 1935, in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Her father, Arnim Fitzgerald Reid, was both an mechanical engineer and a music teacher while also being known as an adept inventor. Her mother, Muriel Elise Baston, was a homemaker having raised nine children. She also shared her husband's passion for music and those passions were shared with Marina and her siblings at an early age.





She will always be remembered as a compassionate nurse, dedicated to the healing of others. She trained at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, the first women's hospital in England, as well as at the Dreadnot Seamans Hospital. She then became part of the first group of nurses selected in the United States for the Nurse Practitioner Degree. While working at Kings County Hospital in New York City from 1964 to 1996. Upon retirement, she moved to Plantation Acres, Florida, where she became a member of the Plantation Wild Fruit and Vegetable Club and (Chaconia Women of Trinidad and Tobago Club) as gardening and philanthropy were her passions.

As friends and family, we remember her love for creating costumes for Carnival and her love for sewing beautiful garments. We remember her passion for gardening, often sharing her bounty with neighbors, family, and friends. She was renowned for her Christmas rum cake and the joy it brought to everyone during the Christmas season. She will be remembered for her singing with St. Gregory the Great Choir for almost three decades, her voice will forever be missed.



We will remember Marina's presence was nothing short of regal, while in juxtaposition, her humor will also truly be missed, as she was never one to shy away from hearing or telling a good joke. She came from a musical family, where she excelled in piano and violin. She devoted her life to bettering the world by assisting others in reaching their goals. Marina was a deeply intelligent woman—well-read, well-spoken, and well-traveled. Her legacy is one of a life well-lived.



On the evening of December 17th, 2024, at the youthful age of 89, Marina peacefully transitioned home to join her parents siblings and daughter Suzanne who preceded her in death. Despite years of illness, she remained active and vocal until the end.

She is survived by her loving family: her daughter Arlene; grandson Dominique Knox Xavier; her sister Esther's sons and daughters Wendy, Bert, Nestor, Sherry, Michelle, whom she embraced as her own children after her sisters' passing; grand-daughter Myesha Thomas and great-granddaughter Nia Thomas Johnson; her sister Naomi's daughter Janet; her sister Barbara's son Richard; her sister Thelma's daughter and son Yolanda and Tony; her brother Sam's daughters and sons Joanne, Jacueline, Ata Boy and Patrice; her brother Armin's family; her brother John's family and her brother Horace's family along with and many nephews, nieces, cousins, grand-nephews, grand-nieces, great-grand-nephews, great-grand-nieces, friends, and associates.



The ones who knew her best will also remember:

“Her Callaloo; After 50 years on this past Thanksgiving, she trusted me to make Callaloo as part of our family dinner. She was right there in the living room making sure her time old recipe came out perfect. She was pleased with the result and enjoyed her Thanksgiving meal. We've always wanted to know how to make it and it was an honor for me to be able to make it for her”.

“Her love and knowledge of military ships, I made a great connection with her as she shared stories of her being an RMS nurse”.



“Mom so enjoyed her evening programs. She oftenaced Jeopardy and Wheel of fortune with her keen world knowledge and expertise in language. Tracking winners from Survivor to Idol, Dancing with the Stars to Amazing Race meticulously in her journal; this gave her so much pleasure. I was most moved by her love of witnessing people perform at there best”

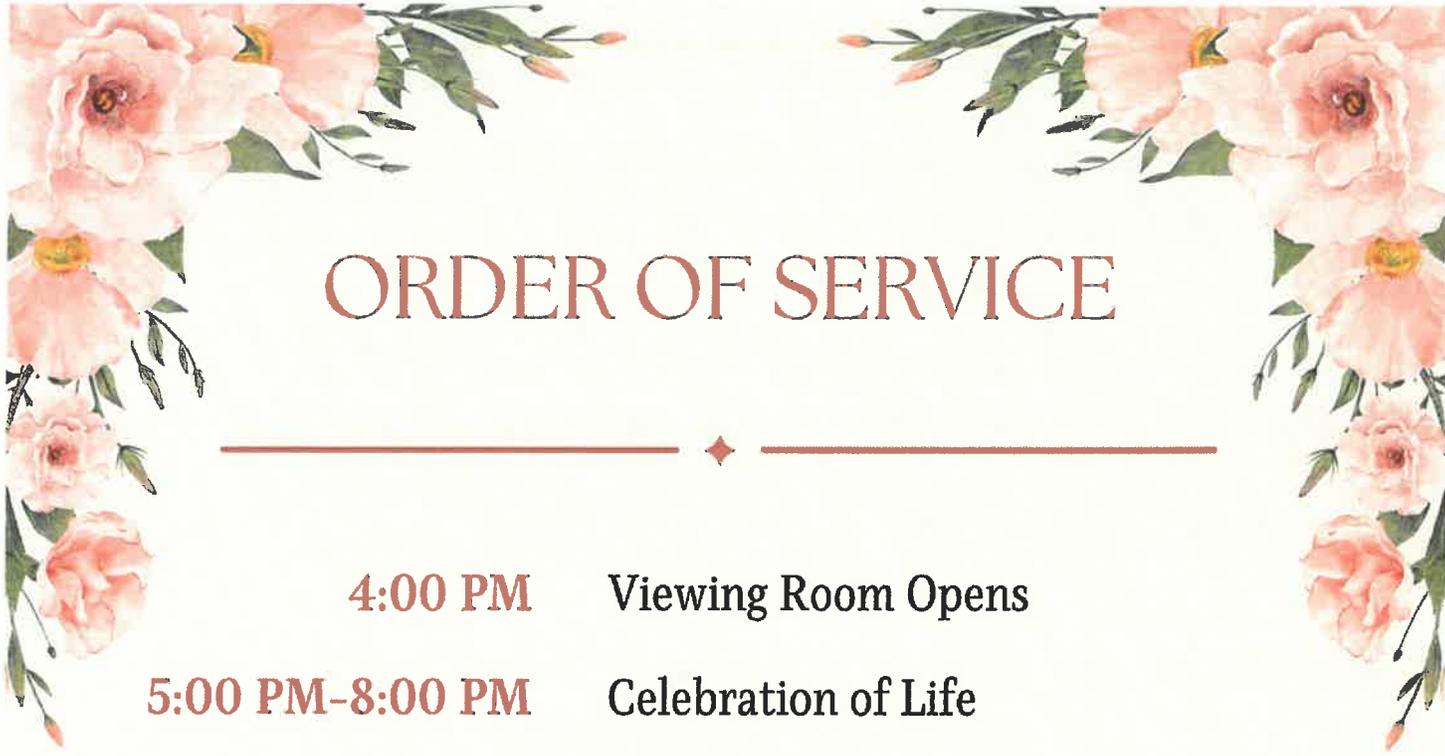
“I appreciated her love and knowledge of nature. It was tough learning how to strip the hull Off those Coconuts, and she made it look too easy”

“Mom was business savvy and was really good with numbers. She told us she would help her dad count money when she was 7 years old’.



We appreciate and love Marina for always being there.

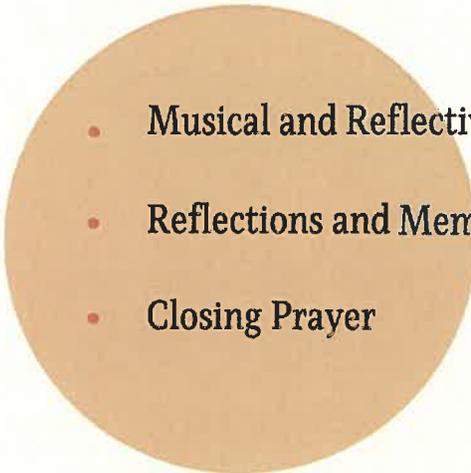
**Today, we honor and celebrate her life.
We miss Marina dearly and will forever cherish her memory in our hearts.**



ORDER OF SERVICE

4:00 PM Viewing Room Opens

5:00 PM-8:00 PM Celebration of Life

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- Musical and Reflective Tribute
 - Reflections and Memorial Table
 - Closing Prayer

THANK YOU

Your presence during this challenging time has provided comfort beyond measure. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and unwavering support.

